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INDISCREET PEERS EXCITE RIDICULE

Date of Earliest Elections is Not Yet Definitely Determined

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Premier Asquith spoke four times and Lloyd-George five at political meetings yesterday and other cabinet ministers were also on the stump, whilst ex-ministers and lesser states orated everywhere. Speaking at Liverpool, the Premier made a strong pronouncement on the efficiency of the navy. He said that Lord Cavendish's picture of Belfast as a German naval base showed the amount of wisdom in letting loose a band of peers and pro-consuls who have been making the political welkin ring. Respecting fiscal matters he claimed that Great Britain has shorter hours of labor, higher wages and lower prices of real necessities, and on the whole a less burden of unemployment than any protectionist country. Exportation of capital was one of the surest indications of the prosperity and productivity of British industry. Upon the constitutional issue, Mr. Asquith was sarcastic. "Really," he said, "they had better close the Commons altogether." (Laughter.) What need was there for it when by the mercy of providence (laughter) at the other end of the palace at Westminster there were Curzon and his friends, free from the dangers and temptations of a popular election (laughter), interpreting with disinterested detachment the temper of the people." (Laughter and cheers.)

Liberal Predictions

The Premier declared that the sky was full of good omen. Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking at enthusiastic meetings at Cardiff and Swansea, again chastised the Lords. "At last," he said, "they have conceded. We are sick of this garrotting of Liberal bills. I am very glad the Premier has said 'never again.' Respecting the alleged scares he jested. It was not a house of peers, but a house of fears. They were not there to protect honey and industry against confiscation. They were there to defend a monopoly which plunders industry. They were not there as guardians of liberty, they were there as a garrison of privileges. "We have found them out and Britain will strip them of their pretensions." (Cheers.) He could hear nothing but the ring of victory from one end of the country to the other.

Lord Cawdor was so interrupted at Rochdale that he had to appeal for fair play. He asked that the coming fight should be clean. He regretted that they had not got a clear issue, fearing combinations and a confusion of issues which might land the country in trouble, which would be dangerous to the Empire.

Lord Curzon was enthusiastically received at Burnley, where he replied to Mr. Churchill.

Walter Long, speaking in Wiltshire, said tariff reform would produce £18,000,000 annually. If they gave Ireland home rule they would require to reconquer it within twenty years.

Mr. Fancutt at Bradford said that if a foreign fleet went to Belfast otherwise than on a visit of courtesy, they would be prizes flying the British flag.

Sir A. Spicer, president of the London Chamber of Commerce, was interesting: "Australians are willing as a nation to give us a small preference," he said, "but not as individuals. They want to buy that which suits them at the lowest price. We forget the effects of our running down our commercial position. We must find some way of preventing strong statements as regards British decadence from going out to the Dominions. Personally, I do not believe them." Sir A. Spicer also urged cheaper cable rates.

Premier Asquith at one meeting said that if colonial preference were only to apply to food, invidious distinctions

AT ESQUIMALT

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 22.—The London correspondent of the Post says he learns that negotiations are progressing between the Imperial and Dominion governments which may result in the establishment of a naval base of considerable proportions on Vancouver Island. The present works at Esquimalt will be utilized in the proposed extension. It is understood that the authorities at Ottawa are prepared to provide \$10,000,000 for the purpose of constructing docks and other accommodations.

would be made. Was South Africa to have no preference over Canada and Australia? Was that the way to weld the bonds of Empire?

Peers in Vaudeville

The eccentricities of some of the peers, who are popularly referred to among Liberals as "the wild peers," now on the stump all over the United Kingdom, and the attitude of the public which is beginning to regard the Lords' meetings as substitutes for vaudeville performances, have forced leading peers to urge reform of the upper house. Lord Dunmore, Conservative, favored an elective second chamber, with the bishops remaining in it but reinforced by chiefs of other churches. This is evidently the direct result of Lloyd-George's statement made at the recent remarkable meeting of men of the free churches.

Date Not Fixed

The date of dissolution of parliament has not yet been officially announced. It is uncertain whether it will be January 8, the date originally selected. The government is being urged to defer dissolution until January 10, so that the first election should take place on January 15. Many Liberal candidates are of opinion that if the first elections took place on Saturday, January 15, it would be a great benefit to the cause.

Mr. Kell Hardie says the labor party expected the decision of the House of Lords that trades union levies for political expenditures are illegal. As a result of the decision Mr. Hardie has grave doubts as to the course the labor party should pursue with candidates they had arranged for. There is no doubt the decision of the Lords will lead to the dropping of several labor candidates.

THIS AIRSHIP IS MYSTERIOUS

City of Worcester, Mass., is Startled by Feat of Unknown Aviator

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 22.—Flying through the night at an average speed of 30 to 40 miles an hour, a mysterious airship tonight appeared over Worcester, hovered round the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two hours and then returned to cut four circles above the gaping city, meanwhile sweeping the heavens with a searchlight of tremendous power. The news of its presence spread like wildfire, and thousands thronged the streets to watch the mysterious visitor.

The airship remained over the city for about 15 minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even its precise shape to be seen. The glancing rays of its great searchlight, however, were sharply defined by reflection against the light snowfall, which was covering the city at the time. The dark mass of the ship could be dimly seen behind the light.

After a time it disappeared in the direction of Marlboro, only to return later. At the time of the airship's visit, Wallace E. Tillinghurst, the Worcester man who recently claimed to have invented a marvelous aeroplane, in which he said he journeyed to New York and returned by way of Boston, was absent from his home and could not be found.

The visitor from the clouds was first sighted over Marlboro at 5.20 p. m. The 16 miles between this city and Marlboro was covered in 30 minutes. Coming up from the southwest, the sky voyager veered to the west, reappeared in a few minutes and then disappeared to the northwest. In five minutes the searchlight was again seen glowing in the distance like a monster star, and the ship came up, hovered over the city a short time and disappeared to the southeast. Two hours later an eager shout from the crowds announced its return. Slowly, its light sweeping the heavens, it circled four times above the city, and then disappeared finally, heading first southeast and then to the east.

Old H. B. Servant Dead

KENNEL, Ont., Dec. 22.—Jas. Swain, a half-breed, who for twenty-seven years was in charge of the Hudson's Bay company transport from York Factory, died yesterday on an island in Black Sturgeon Lake, about nine miles south of this town. He was 70 years of age and had resided in this district since 1882.

Libel Action Compromised

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The trial of the libel actions brought by deputies of the Croatian diet against the Hungarian parliament against the Austrian historian, Dr. Freitjung, ended today in a compromise. In articles published last March, Dr. Freitjung accused the Serbian government of endeavoring to incite a popular rising in Bosnia, Croatia and South Hungary, and also charged the plaintiff deputies with receiving Serbian bribes to promote such a rising. Today Freitjung admitted that he most important documents added in support of his assertions were forgeries, whereupon the plaintiffs withdrew their suit. The court ordered the costs divided.

GRADES OVER HOPE ROUTE

Mr. Kennedy Says They Are Less Formidable Than Supposed

GIVES FIGURES EAST AND WESTBOUND

Suggested Tunnel Would Lower Gradients and Shorten Line

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. & E. railway, in an interview here discussed the question of grades over the Hope Mountains between Princeton and Hope. His statement tends to dispel a very widespread belief that the grades are almost insurmountable. "Without taking into consideration the tunnel project, which will not be carried out in the near future, the Hill engineers have been successful in locating a line that of eight-tenths of one per cent. as against westbound traffic," said Mr. Kennedy. "The maximum grade as against eastbound traffic will, of course, be heavier. The figure for twenty miles of the distance is two and one half per cent., and for an additional fifteen miles it will amount to one and one half per cent. On the mountain section going east should also be included a two-mile section along Coquella lake, and constituting virtually a dead level for that distance.

"When the tunnel project is carried out, a project by the way that is not a pressing matter, it will reduce the summit by 675 feet, and accomplish a saving of thirty miles in the route, as well as cut off six miles from the two and one half per cent. grade."

Three engineering parties of the V. & E. railway now in the field are adding the finishing touches to the work of retracing and revising the route across the Hope mountains from Princeton to Hope and thence through the Fraser river valley to a junction with the completed section at Abbotsford. With slight modifications the route will be almost identical with the line run in 1905, plans and profiles of which are on file in the lands department at Victoria.

As was recently announced, tenders have just been called for the construction of the section from Abbotsford to Hope, a distance of 50 miles, and not 78 miles as formerly stated owing to a topographical error; and also for the building of an eighteen mile section from Princeton west up the Fulameen river to Otter Flat, a distance of eighteen miles.

Going west from Otter Flat, the line will follow Otter Creek to Otter Summit, thence cross over to the Coldwater river, and ascend it to the so-called Coquella summit. Thence the line will run down the banks of the Coquella to Hope, a distance of 55 miles from Princeton.

Construction on the two sections for which tenders have just been called, will likely be started early in February. It is unlikely that the building of the summit sections on either side will be undertaken before the other work shall have been completed owing to the cost involved in packing over a mountain trail.

STRANGE STORY FROM OTTAWA

Dominion Minister Credited With Injudicious Remarks on Elections

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Undeterred by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's repudiation of his alleged recent interview with the Ottawa correspondent, the Manchester Guardian today publishes another column and a quarter from the same correspondent under these headlines: "The Birmingham Preference Ridiculed by Canadian Minister." "Makes the Very Jackasses Laugh."

The correspondent admits that Sir Wilfrid Laurier refuses to express himself on election issues, but gives a verbatim interview with a man whom he calls a prominent colleague of Sir Laurier, which excites the greatest astonishment here. This minister's personal abuse of Lord Lansdowne is especially resented by the Unionists, who also declare this Canadian minister's assertions to be the grossest perversion of what a moment's inquiry would have shown him to be the authorized Unionist policy.

The opinion of Unionist leaders was expressed by one of them as follows this morning: "I will not pretend to guess who this astounding minister can be, though it is easy to make guesses. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fildes certainly know far too much of the real British conditions to talk such unadulterated rubbish, and I should have thought that no responsible minister in any part of the King's dominions would have been willing, at a moment like this, when British political feelings are inevitably inflamed, to vent his personal spite, to meddle with what does not concern him and to foul the hitherto clean waters of Anglo-Canadian relations. We English, Unionist and Radical leaders alike, studiously avoid interfering with your Canadian politics. We have a right also to ask your political leaders to keep their fists out of our pie. Nothing but direct mischief to everything we of all parties in Great Britain and

Canada hold dear must follow any imitation of this Ottawa ministerial example."

The Canadian minister's statement affecting Lord Lansdowne is as follows: "The bulk of the tariff reform case is made up of fiction—old, exploded fiction at that—and when one sees a man like Lord Lansdowne, whom we Canadians respected so much, parading it up and down England in the hope of catching the votes of the uneducated, one cannot but think that evil communications have corrupted the good manners of the historic Tory party."

Another astonishing statement reads thus: "The close friendship now existing between England and the United States and Canada and the United States would almost certainly be disturbed by the advent to office of Tories—imperialist men—who appear to imagine that they strengthen the empire by being insolent in turn to every foreign power who is not an actual treaty ally. Such weighty considerations as these have made thinking in Canada all but solidly Liberal in the sense of heartily desiring the success of the British Liberals."

Who would imagine from this that it was the Tory Prime Minister Salisbury and Lord Lansdowne, his successor, foreign secretary, who laid the whole foundation of the present friendliness with the United States, a policy which Mr. Balfour always sedulously followed in the Bering Sea and every other dispute, and under which Mr. Chamberlain himself negotiated the compact which kept peace on Atlantic fisheries? The rest of the article is, according to the Unionist view, grotesque. The Canadian pictures John Bull under the Balfour ministry, "swaggering up and down the main street of the world, gun in hand, looking for trouble and finding it after the manner of the badling it after the western mining camp." He charges Mr. Balfour's followers with being at what he calls their old protectionist tricks, and with insincerity and bad faith in their preference policy. All this appears with a commendatory editorial in a most influential English ministerial journal, and will doubtless be represented in leaflet form circulated by the million through every British constituency as Canada's official pronouncement on the present election.

Park Company in Trouble

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Toronto Park company, controlling the Scarborough amusement park, is in the hands of a receiver. Toronto and Montreal people are large holders of its \$135,000 bond issues. The action is voluntary, and it is said the company is largely trying to get rid of surplus real estate.

MUCH DAMAGE TO SHIPPING

More Fierce Gales on British Coast—Loss of Steamer is Feared

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Gales in Great Britain have done much damage to shipping. The steamer Rosetrevor, which left Greenore, a headland of Ireland, at eleven o'clock on Tuesday night, and which was due at Holyhead at 5 a. m. on Wednesday, a distance of about 75 miles across St. George's Channel, has not yet been reported, and it is feared she has foundered. She carried a crew of 24 and a few passengers.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 22.—Incoming steamers report severe storms on the Atlantic. The Cunarder Campania, from New York, Dec. 15, arrived today at 5.44 p. m., after one of the roughest passages in her experience. The French liner Chicago, from New York overdue at Havre, has sent a wireless message saying she will arrive at Queenstown tomorrow to replenish coal and water.

"Little Tim" Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Timothy P. Sullivan, the "Little Tim" of the Bowery, and a power in metropolitan politics, died at his east side house at 6.30 tonight. He had been in bad health for more than six months, and within a week his condition had become critical. Death resulted from bright's disease and inflammation of the heart.

Wells-Fargo "Melon."

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Stockholders of Wells, Fargo & Co., ratified at a special meeting today the proposal to increase the company's capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$24,000,000. With the increase there will be paid to stockholders a dividend of \$30 a share out of the accumulated surplus. The \$16,000,000 of new stock will be offered for subscription to shareholders at par in a proportion of two shares of new stock for one of old.

JUST TWO DAYS TO SHOP EARLY

Shop early today and tomorrow.

Victorians have done themselves proud during the anti-Christmas period this year, and sales are much in advance of what they were two days before Christmas in any previous year.

The colonist has received many expressions of appreciation for his efforts to bring home to the buyer the advantage of buying his Christmas wares early. It has helped the merchant, it has proved a boon to the clerk.

Two days before Christmas the advice is the same—shop early. Don't put off buying till this afternoon what you can buy this morning.

Shop early today and tomorrow.

CHANCELLOR VS. MARQUIS

Mr. Lloyd-George and His Lordship of Bute Engage in Controversy

HANDSOME INCOME FROM GROUND RENT

Joseph Martin Indulges in Favorite Pastime in St. Pancras

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Wherever Mr. Lloyd-George goes there is the hottest corner of the battlefield. He is spending Christmas among his own people in Wales, and has chosen the Marquis of Bute, a millionaire land and mine owner of Cardiff, for a bitter attack. The marquis owns 117,000 acres of land, also Cardiff docks and some of the biggest mines, which pay him substantial royalties. It is only necessary to mention these facts in Mr. Lloyd-George's style, to inflame a working class audience.

The picture, from a Radical standpoint, is completed by an enumeration of his titles as follows: Marquis of Bute, Earl of Dumfries, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar and Cummooh, Lord Mount Stuart of Cumrae and Inchmarnock, Baron Cardiff, Earl Windsor and Viscount Mountjoy, with five princely residences in England, Scotland and Wales. It is also true, though Mr. Lloyd-George does not mention this, that the Bute estates are excellently managed. He has made large gifts of land for public parks and has been a munificent donor to Welsh causes.

Mr. Lloyd-George finds that the Marquis of Bute charges £1,200 annually as ground rent on land occupied by the Bute estates, the rent of which was formerly £564. When cries of "shame" arose from his audience, Mr. Lloyd-George proceeded: "I was astounded. I could hardly believe that extortion could go to that extent, so the country and very careful inquiries, and I find they are charging something like five shillings per square yard per annum (renewed cries of "shame")."

"Who is Barabab? I would like to know (loud cheers). All I say to the Marquis is this: 'You ought to contribute to the country and very careful inquiries, and I find they are charging something like five shillings per square yard per annum (renewed cheers).'"

To which the Marquis of Bute replied: "For imperial and local taxation I pay on the annual return of the land to me, whether £56 or £1200. That is fair. Lloyd-George wants me to pay on £1200 when I only received £56, which would be grossly unfair." Donald McMaster is calling on the dukes to aid him in his Chelmsford division. Lord Dunsford spoke for him last week, and last night the Duke of Norfolk was his chief speaker. The duke's speech was a good deal interrupted, especially when he was defending the Lords.

Earl Cawdor, a Unionist and an ex-first Lord of the Admiralty, is another storm centre. His insistence upon the imminence of the German peril especially incenses ministers. Speaking at Rochdale last night Earl Cawdor said that naval defense was the greatest issue before the country.

"Germany is building warships rapidly and working overtime, while England is sitting still with her hands folded, doing nothing," he declared. He appealed to all who wished to safeguard the country and empire to wake up before it was too late.

Joe Martin is also having a stiff fight in the London workingclass constituency of East St. Pancras. He is chiefly devoting himself to ridiculing the pretensions of the Lords.

VICTIM OF BOMB

St. Petersburg Chief of Police Killed While Getting Up False Evidence.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The assassination of Colonel Karpoff, chief of police, has caused a sensation here. The mystery is still unexplained but the popularly credited theory is that Karpoff was engaged in the manufacture of false evidence, that while the assassin, Vosskressensky, was in the police chief's pay, he was simultaneously plotting in behalf of the revolutionary factions.

It appears that after Karpoff entered the rooms, Vosskressensky went outside on the pretext of examining the electric bell, which failed to act. It is supposed that he then connected the wires which exploded the bomb.

The matter came up in the Duma tonight, and the leader of the Constitutional Democrats, Mr. Roditchoff, supporting an interpretation, suggested that the affair was the work of agents, and demanded that the government take measures to put an end to the participation of the secret police in terrorist acts. The interpretation was referred to a committee.

Requiem Mass for King Leopold.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Taft, accompanied by practically all of the members of his cabinet will attend the solemn high mass of requiem to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of King Leopold of Belgium. The mass will be one of the most brilliant ever held in this city. All of the members of the diplomatic corps will attend in full uniform. The president has cancelled all of his engagements for tomorrow.

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MORE INSPECTORS ARE NECESSARY

Province to Have Additional Machinery Officials—Results of Tests

It will be still several days before a decision is reached as to who will be favored with appointment as the new stationary boiler inspectors of British Columbia, a rapid increase in the use of this class of boiler making it imperative that at least two new inspectors be engaged from the first of the new year. Three gentlemen have recently qualified as inspectors at the examinations conducted under the direction of Chief Inspector Peck, and, under the usual custom, the leading twain of these successful ones will be named when the matter comes before the executive. It had been expected to make the appointments before the Christmas holidays, but as Mr. Peck has now returned to Vancouver and the matter is not of exceptional urgency, it will stand over until the holiday festivities exist but as pleasant memories.

Under present arrangements, it is expected that one of the new inspectors will be required to take up his residence in Eastern Canada, possibly at Toronto, a centre of manufacture and of shipment to the West. Boilers will there be examined and passed or rejected for British Columbia use before they cross the continent at necessarily great expense.

Pass Tests.

No fewer than fifty-five candidates were successful in the very recent examinations for certificates of competency as working engineers. The list with the respective grading and marks obtained by each of the successful candidates is as hereunder:

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A. Chisholm, fifth, 4025; W. S. Knox, fifth, 4027; H. J. Lamont, third, 4028; E. D. Newcombe, fourth, 4029; Crossland Oddy, fourth, 4030; Thomas Oswald, fifth, 4031; Chauncey Woodward, third, 4032; J. W. Yates, fifth, 4034; John Axelson, fourth, 4035; Peter Barron, fourth, 4036; J. W. Cullis, fifth, 4037; Norman Kay, second, 4039; Peter McCulloch, fourth, 4040; William Rhinoul, third, 4041; Evan Thomas, fourth, 4042; H. W. Symons, third, 4044; Archibald Cox, second, 4045; C. P. Cheston, fourth, 4046; W. J. Derby, fourth, 4047.

DISPUTE OVER WILL

Relative of Late M. Marshall Seeks to Set it Aside.

Residents of the Cowichan district are much interested in a case which opened in the supreme court, before Mr. Justice Gregory, yesterday, and which will probably be concluded today. This case is a contest over the will of the late Matthew Marshall, of Cowichan, who died some time ago at the age of 84. By the will, on which the action is taken, the plaintiff, for the executors, declares that the estate of the deceased, involving some 150 acres of land at Cowichan, goes to one Moulton. By a prior will the late Mr. Marshall left this property to his nephew, John Spears. The defence sets up that deceased was non compos mentis when he made the secondary will, and that the will made in favor of Spears is the authentic document.

Several witnesses were examined yesterday by the plaintiff's counsel, Perry Mills, K. C., in an endeavor to substantiate the secondary will, and among them were some prominent Cowichan residents.

The defence will probably offer proof today to substantiate its allegation that deceased was not competent and that, in any event, by other documentary right, the property belongs to Spears. Crease and Crease are acting for Spears.

GOVERNMENT BY BOARD OF CONTROL

Prince Rupert's Municipal Interests to Be Well Safeguarded

There are several prominent gentlemen of Prince Rupert who have lately developed a brand new profession, of which they are charter members and active representatives. They are Prince Rupert Delegates, to the Capital, and from now until the incorporation of the northern terminal city is duly accomplished, their professional engagements give promise of being the reverse of sinecures. There have been no fewer than eleven delegations from Prince Rupert during the past four months, and others are now being arranged which will probably remain here during the entire life of the approaching session of the House.

"It will be necessary for us to have our own people here of course until the city's incorporation is accomplished," said one of Prince Rupert's professional delegates to the Colonist yesterday. "The question is a big one, and we want to have no costly mistakes made through our failure to recognize and provide for the problems of the future. So far as present intentions go, we shall come in as a city under the Municipal Clauses Act, at the same time seeking a special charter to cover particular interests of Prince Rupert, which can thus be more conveniently and economically administered."

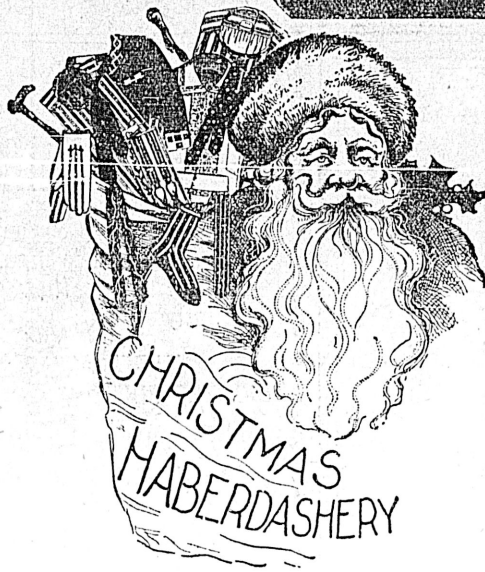
"It seems to be the general belief in Prince Rupert that the city will adopt an elective board of control. A commission was at first proposed, but the proposal was that the commissioners should be wholly appointive officers, named by the Grand Trunk Pacific and the government, and there was not enough of the approved democratic theory of self-government in this idea to please the general public, so that it is likely to fall through. The board of control seems almost certain to be endorsed."

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Irish Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Each 50c and	25c
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Irish Poplin Scarfs (genuine imported), wide flowing ends, Derbys and Oxford, plain stripes and fancy patterns. Prices, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c and 50c || English Scarfs, Oxford shape, at 50c and | 35c |
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| Knitted Silk Ties, pure silk, in plain and fancy patterns, exceptionally handsome. at | \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25 and |

DENT'S FAMOUS GLOVES

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Kirby Tan Gloves, for walking and driving. Per pair, \$2.00 and	\$1.75
Tan Cheverette Gloves. Per pair	\$2.00
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Given Gratis to purchasers of Neckwear, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, etc.

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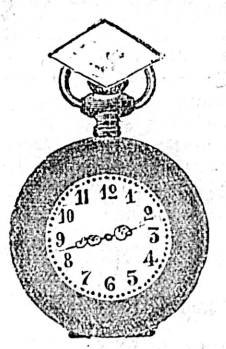
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Ladies' Solid Gold Watches From \$19.50.

25c Gifts

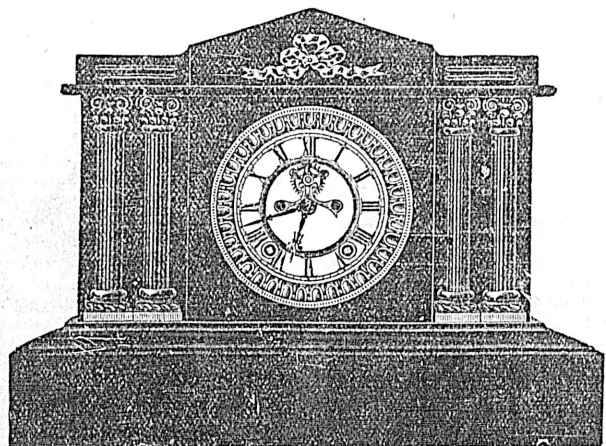
Silver Charms.
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Cut Glass Salts.
Silver Collar Pins.
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Pearl Tie Supporters.
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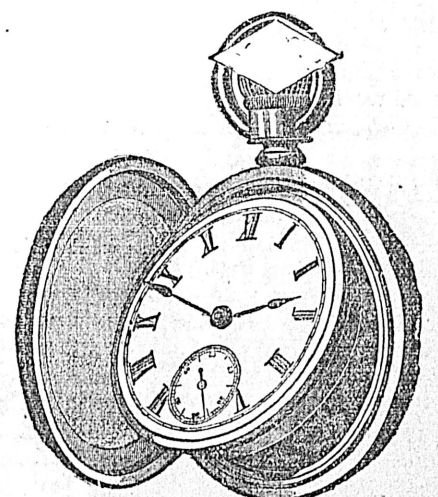
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Silver Links.
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Silver Pencils.
Silver Nail Files.
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Silver Glove Darners.
Silver Seals.
Silver Photo Frames.
Silver Bangle Bracelets.
Silver Thimbles.
Silver Tie Clips.
Souvenir Brooches.
Silver Emery Balls.
Pearl Cuff Links.
Gold Filled Scarf Pins.
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Silver Napkin Rings.
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Gold Filled Collar Pins.
Fungus Jewel Boxes.
Nickel Watch Chains.

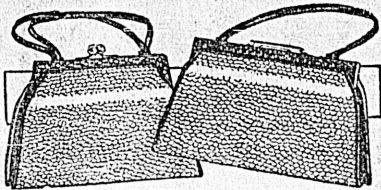


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Our stock is large, therefore we have marked everything in this line surprisingly low for the holiday trade. A unique assortment

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GENTLEMEN'S ROLL TOILET CASES
GENTLEMEN'S COLLAR AND TIE BOXES
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BRUSH SETS CLOTHES BRUSHES
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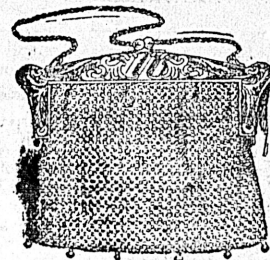
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Really exquisite and would make a most pleasing gift to the lady of refined taste, they are not gaudy but very neat and beautifully worked. In cream and black. At \$15 down to **\$4.75**
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A pretty line of Scarves in Cotton, at **\$4.75**
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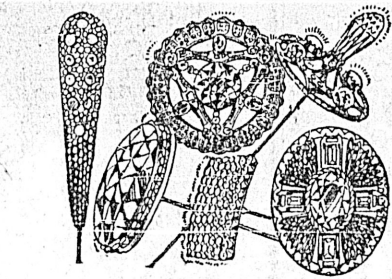
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With chain handles, at \$4.75, \$4.50 and **\$4.00**



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FANCY OPERA BAGS, in Gold and Sequin and fancy Silks, \$7.50 to **\$2.25**
LEATHER BAGS, in all shades and sizes. All the new shapes are here. Wide range of prices, \$15.00 to **\$90c**
THE NEW WHIST PURSE, very new, \$4.75 to **\$3.75**
BELTS—Fancy Elastics in all colors, black, gold, silver and fancy colors, \$1.50 to **25c**
NEW METAL BELTS, some with kid ends, \$2.50 to **\$1.25**
SUEDE BELTS, new shades, with jet trimmings, 90c and **75c**



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EXCELLENT ASSORTMENT, in bird knots, butterflies, wings and bands—all sequin and net, \$2.00 to **75c**
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FANCY BEAD CHAINS, long and short, in all colored beads and dull and bright jet, 90c, 75c, 50c, 35c and **25c**

RUCHING

BOXES with 6 pieces of net, chiffon, and fancy gold. Special at **25c**

GLOVES

Christmas assortment is complete. We issue Glove Scrip all the year round.

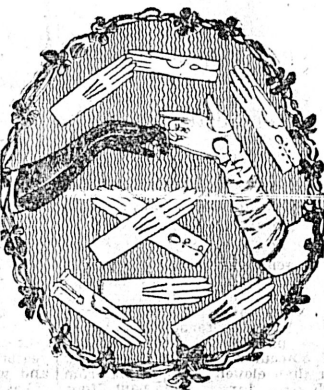
CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, 90c and **75c**

LADIES' DENT'S TAN, per pair **\$1**

LADIES' LINED KID, per pair **\$1**

LADIES' C A P E GLOVE, with strap on wrist, per pair **\$1**

LADIES' C A P E GLOVE, strap on wrist, 6 button, per pair **\$1.50**



DRESSING SACQUES, KIMONAS, BATH ROBES

FANCY FLANNELETTE ROBES in cardinal, pink, sky, mauve and navy, fancy art designs, at \$3.25, \$2.75, \$2.25 and **\$1.75**

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EIDERDOWN ROBES in cardinal, old rose, purple, sky, pink, navy and mauve, at \$15.00, \$12.75, \$9.75, \$9.00, \$8.50, \$7.50, \$6.75 and **\$5.75**

EIDERDOWN ROBES in fancy stripes, red, grey, pink, sky and navy at \$8.50 and **\$6.50**

SILK KIMONAS, floral design, \$10.75 and **\$9.75**

HANDKERCHIEFS

Very acceptable gift, most varied assortment to choose from, and all most moderately priced.

SIX FINE WHITE LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, neatly enclosed in pretty and attractive box, at **\$90c**

SIX ALL PURE IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, packed in novelty and bridge card case and containing bridge marker and pencil. Special **\$1.25**

PLAIN HEMSTITCHED, lawn, each **5c**

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PLAIN WHITE LAWN, each **10c**

COLOR, FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS, each **10c**

COLOR, FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS, each **12 1/2c**

FINE LACE EDGE, lawn, each, 25c, 20c, 15c and **12 1/2c**

EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, lawn and linen, each, \$1.25 down to 25c, 20c, 15c, **12 1/2c**

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THE STORK CHILDREN'S STORE

Xmas Gifts FOR THE LITTLE ONES

Our stock is full of dainty, useful and pretty articles that make a handsome present for the baby.
Infants' Wool Coats, up from **65c**
Infants' Hand Crocheted Sets, beautifully made, pure wool and silk trimmings, comprising hood, coat, booties and mitts. A splendid gift. **\$5.00**
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We have on view the best selection of popularly priced dolls in the city. Call and see our stock and prices. You will be pleased.

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No Finer Gift for a Shaver

Than a Nev-a-Hone Razor Strop. It would earn the sincere thanks of a man who shaves himself not only this Xmas but for many seasons to come for a Nev-a-Hone Strop will last a lifetime. Lots of other Xmas Gift suggestions here: Gillette Safety Razors, Shaving Sets, etc. Many fine hints for ladies' gifts, too, all properly priced for purchasers.

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BALLOTS ICEBOUND AT CANOE RIVER

Belated Election Returns in Hon. Thomas Taylor's Constituency

While representative government as practised in British Columbia is beautiful in theory, and generally acceptable in practice, there are occasions upon which it comes very close to the borderland of farce such as is—or should be—the particular domain of comic opera creators.
An instance in point presents itself in connection with the election that took place on Thursday of last week, at the isolated polling division of Canoe river, which is far up the affluent of the Columbia after that noble river makes its famous "Big Bend."
In summer the Canoe river country is not especially inaccessible, for Providence has looked well to the connecting waterways. But now, in the grip of winter—the Canoe river polling station is seemingly as far

away as the Pole, and quite as hard to reach.

It is this immovable condition which necessitated the deferred election there, the time intervening between the dissolution of the House and the announced election date being insufficient to enable the formal papers, ballots and boxes to get in, or notice of the poll to circulate among the scattered prospectors and timber cruisers claiming the country as home. A snowshoe journey of 110 miles through absolutely virgin country is involved, and the cost of affording the listed voters fair opportunity to express their sovereign will, is placed at \$320.

There are eight voters interested, and—knowing that the country has gone Conservative—that Hon. Thomas Taylor is their district's choice, no matter how they vote—the plumping for one or other of the rival candidates would not save for that hapless person his deposit, it is quite possible that the voters in question would much prefer on the present occasion a potluck of the election expenses. Forty dollars per man would not be half so bad, with winter sing half so bad, with winter setting in, and shivers asking 30 cents a pound for packing in beans and bacon.

But of course it wouldn't do.

There's just this ray of satisfaction and of speculative charm in the situation for the Canoe river voter:

Their votes may seal the fate, for weal or woe, of local option plans in British Columbia.

BUSY TIME FOR CITY MERCHANTS

Record Trade in Local Stores—Victorians Doing Shopping Early

All over the city glad-faced merchants were secretly shaking hands with themselves yesterday. Another record day and the end not yet in sight this side of Christmas Day!

Taking good advice many of the Victoria Christmas shoppers began their buying early and the result is that many merchants predict the most satisfactory Christmas season for all hands ever known in Victoria.

The rush began a week ago in dead earnest and it has been growing steadily ever since. Those who looked for a slump yesterday and today were pleasantly surprised. Yesterday was bigger than any former day excepting Saturday. The indications are that there will be another heavy day today.

Of course the exceptional weather, the bright sun, the splendid air and the dry under-footing contribute to the record business but the greatly increased volume attests no less the fact that Victoria has grown wonderfully within the year.

There is no mistaking the object of the crowd that streams along Government street and swings off on to other busy streets these days. Laughing women and girls flit in and out of the shops, parcel-laden, busy intent on

buying, with hardly time to stop for a moment's gossip by the way. Men struggling under loads of bundles dash for cars and try manfully to look cheered and pleased. And such bundles! From this one protrudes a painted piece of wood which proclaims to the world that a small rocking-horse for Baby Boy is within; from that one peeps the ornate roof of a Noah's Ark. Others betray their character by their shapes.

In the front windows of many homes holly wreaths are beginning to appear. In every larger material cheer is piling up in wondrous wise. In many a locked and guarded cupboard and sideboard mysterious parcels are stored. Saturday will see the denouement, Saturday, Christmas, the 1909th anniversary of The Nativity.

ALTER PLANS FOR Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

Swimming Bath of Racing Proportions to Be Installed.

The Y.M.C.A. building committee met in the association rooms last night, the following being present: R. B. McMicking in the chair; R. L. Drury, E. W. Whittington, Dr. Wason, A. E. McNeill, W. E. Staneland, A. B. Fraser, W. A. Gleason, H. F. Griffith (architect), and A. J. Brace, secretary.

Messrs. Griffith and Brace presented a report on their findings during their recent trip to Seattle, Tacoma, and Walla Walla, where they visited the Y.M.C.A. building in those cities, with a view to picking up suggestions which may prove of use in the plans for the local buildings. In the report special stress was laid on the Walla Walla building along the lines of which the local Y.M.C.A. will be constructed. Considerable changes were

suggested in the plans as already drawn up. It has been decided to enlarge the gymnasium, to install a swimming bath measuring 20 x 60 feet, to have it tiled, and a filtration system installed. Various other improvements were suggested and these will be embodied in the readjusted plans. The report as presented was received and adopted.

A plans committee consisting of E.

W. Whittington, W. A. Gleason, and R. C. Horne was appointed. A resolution asking W. Northcott, the city assessor, to act with this committee was passed.

In connection with the site of the new structure on the corner of View and Blanchard streets it was decided that the tenants should be asked to vacate by February 1st. All the old houses (eight in number) will be sold

by contract and tenders will be called for excavation as soon as the tenants are out. The winding up of the collection work for the Y.M.C.A. building fund will be proceeded with early in the new year, and the assistance of R. Thomasson, the Y.M.C.A. financial expert of Regina, will be asked in this connection.

Advertise in THE COLONIST

TWO MORE SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

YOU will have to hurry if you have not already arranged for your Christmas gifts. Every year an increasing number of thinking people put a considerable portion of their gift money into good, substantial and useful furniture—furniture makes an ideal gift and you will be sure to please the recipients if your gift is an article of furniture selected for their use. We have goods suitable for every member of the household. Come now and see our stock, all most moderately priced. We give a discount of ten per cent. from regular prices for spot cash. Delivery made when required. Store open evenings.

FATHER

Easy Chair, the solid comfort kind, one that father can rest in and enjoy the evening at home, from \$6.75 to **\$66.00**

BROTHER OR FRIEND

Morris Reclining Chair—Just what a man wants. Prices start at \$9.00 up to \$41 for a beauty in Early English Oak with Spanish leather cushions.

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NOW IS THE TIME

To make your selections. Have delivery made when you please. Remember, goods as represented or money refunded. Do Your Shopping Early

SISTER OR FRIEND

Writing Desk, solid oak, with British bevel plate mirror on top, a lovely present for a lovely girl. Price **\$12.25**
Others from \$7.20 up.

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Child's Set of 2 chairs and table, 3 colors, red, blue and golden. \$2.70 to **\$2.25**
Child's Rocker, many designs in wood and rattan, from, up **\$1.00**
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THE INNER HARBOR

Our friend Senator Macdonald, to whom we extend the season's greetings and the hope that he may see many more Christmases, tells us in a letter that we print this morning, that the harbor line, which he thinks ought not to be extended, was established nearly half a century ago. We do not see just what bearing that fact has upon the present use of the harbor, for the conditions existing fifty years ago certainly do not prevail now. At that date such steamers as some now engaged in the coasting trade of this coast would have been deemed palatial as ocean liners. The authorities of that day were dealing with the harbor as it then was and had in mind such vessels as were then in use. Our correspondent asks us to look at the question from some other standpoint than that of the two railway companies. We certainly are endeavoring to do so, and some days before the Grand Trunk Pacific officials came to the city, it must be two or more weeks ago, we suggested that the only proper thing to be done, in view of the demand there would be for berths for large vessels in the Inner Harbor, was to secure an appropriation at the present session for the removal of the rock which lies east of the Songhees Reserve. Mr. Sorby, who has investigated this matter, says that the work can be done for \$225,000, using the appliances now employed for such purposes. We fancy that it could be done for considerably less by the use of the Lobnitz dredge, which hammers up the rock so that it can be removed by dredging. The plan favored by the Inner Harbor Association, which has already been printed in the Colonist, shows a straight line from Hospital Point to the railway bridge, outside of which there is an area to be deepened, the material to be placed west of the line. By this means the harbor would be materially enlarged, and the value of the land reclaimed, which would not be a part of the Indian Reserve, would nearly if not quite meet the cost of the work. This work could be done in a year, and it would nearly double the navigable area lying in front of the wharves between the Custom House wharf and the Railway Bridge, so that it would be possible to permit them to be extended further if it should be found necessary. Having urged this matter as we have, we think that we are not open to the suggestion that we are only thinking of the railway companies.

We earnestly press the proposed deepening of the harbor upon the citizens. When the Minister of Public Works was here he exhibited a very intelligent interest in the harbor and promised to do what he could to make all needed improvements. It may be taken for granted that he will approach the consideration of any proposals that may be advanced, in a friendly spirit, and we are sure that we can count upon the good offices of Messrs. Templeman and Smith. Our case is strengthened by several considerations. One of them is that the Grand Trunk Pacific, being a creation of the present government, and proper accommodation in the harbor of Victoria being essential to the carrying out of its plans, the government is morally bound to see that everything in reason is done to make the harbor available for its ships. Another is that the government is committed to a general plan of harbor improvement, of which the proposed work forms a part, and we are only asking that work shall be done now when it is needed, which will be done any way in the course of time. Another consideration is the not unimportant one that by the proposed improvement the government will acquire about 1000 feet of deep water frontage, which at \$250 a front foot would more than pay the cost of the work. Under these circumstances we think an exceedingly strong case can be made out for an appropriation to do the work in question.

ABOUT GOING WEST.

A writer in the Farmer's Advocate recommending young men to stay on the farm and not go West. Excellent advice, no doubt, and it is to be hoped that many farmers' sons in the East will heed it, for there is doubtless a fine field for their energy in that part of Canada. Not every one ought to come West. Our streets are not paved with gold. What we get out here we have to work for. Perhaps the prizes are bigger, but the work is certainly no easier. And we are not so sure that for every one the prizes are bigger. There is more of a "chance" here; that is to say, if a young man has the right sort of material in his make-up, he stands a chance of doing better here than in the East, for there are more things

and bigger things to be done. But let no Eastern youth deceive himself with the notion that when he comes West he will be met by a delegation of folks offering him a fortune. Most of us are too busy with our own affairs to hand out fortunes to others, even if we had them to spare.

It may not be amiss to make a few observations of a practical nature to those persons in the East, who think of coming West. Very many of them come with entirely wrong ideas. Let us take a few representative cases. Every now and then some bright-looking young fellow will call at this office and ask if there are any vacancies on the staff of the Colonist. A little consideration ought to have shown him that newspapers here must necessarily keep their staffs full, and that the most any new man can hope to get, unless he comes here on an engagement, is casual employment, with the prospect of being taken on if he "makes good," and an opening occurs. A few years ago a young man came to Victoria from an Eastern province and called on the Colonist to ask if there was an opening for a drug store in the city. He was told to go around town, see what drug stores there were and make up his own mind. He did so, and came back to say that he thought there were enough already. Whether he was right or wrong we are not going to say. Several new drug stores have been opened since his visit; so, perhaps he was wrong. The mistake he made was in supposing that there would be a shortage here of a necessary kind of establishment. When he was told that he might open a store and take his chance of building up a business as the city grew, he said that he could do that where he lived, and he went back there. Let no young fellow in the East think that the West is standing still or being put to inconvenience because he has not got here. We are pretty well supplied with everything except men, who will take hold and develop something for themselves.

There are many young men who come out to the Pacific Coast with their spirits fired by a feeling of certainty that they have only to come here to get their feet on the highway to prosperity. They leave the train and go to a hotel, and the next day walk around town. They find everyone busy. No one seems to want them particularly. The stores have plenty of attendants. The offices are well supplied with clerks and stenographers. There does not seem to be an "opening" for anyone. They get discouraged, for this is not just what they expected. Each one of them knows he is a good, capable fellow, and he has been told that for good, capable fellows the West offers chances. And so it does. But usually the chances are not just what he expected. He may think a good many times that he would have been better off if he had stopped at home, where his family and friends are. If he adds perseverance to his other good qualities, and is not handicapped by a false sense of pride, he can, in nearly every case, after a little while, get a chance to show what there is in him; but it may be something that he would never think of doing at home; and, perhaps, if his Eastern girl friends might see him at his new job, they might think he had come down several pegs in the world. But if he is the sort of fellow that ought to have come West, he will gain steadily, for there are undoubtedly splendid chances here. What we wish particularly to say to the young fellow who is coming West to seek his fortune, is, that he must be prepared to woo the fickle goddess with violence. She can be won; but the successful suitor must not be a laggard in love.

WONDERFUL TIMES

There never was anything like the Christmas trade in Canada that is being done this year. The reason is right on the face of the facts, for there never has been such a year of prosperity in Canada as that which is now drawing to a close. The wonderful harvest has made all the difference possible, and coupled with the general revival of business the world over, and the influx of immigrants, many of whom have considerable means, has stimulated transactions of every kind. The very active period of railway construction has also had a powerful effect in bringing about the conditions which are giving such great satisfaction. It is no exaggeration to say that Canada is today the most prosperous land on the face of the whole earth.

Cook's goose is cooked. Sic transit gloria mundi.

Our friend, Mr. Joseph Martin, is in the thick of the fight in London. It may be recalled that he went to England for rest. Mr. Martin is never at peace unless he is at war.

Apologies of nothing in particular, but just as a general observation that may be worth remembering, some people who profess to desire to promote the greatest good of the greatest number, have a very strong conviction that the greatest number is No. 1.

What's one man's meat is another man's poison, so the old saw has it. Canada is profiting by money sent out of England for investment; but the sum named, \$35,000,000, though it looks large to us, is only a little part of the loose capital in the Mother Country.

Looks as if "the Ottawa Liar" has been getting in his work again. We do not believe any Canadian Minister used the expressions attributed to him by the Manchester Guardian's cor-

respondent; but if any did, he ought to be told peremptorily that he must hold his tongue on British political questions. We have enough business of our own to occupy any minister's time, and to call for the exercise of his best talents.

The Wright Company has been organized to build aeroplanes. Next thing we know they will get a franchise to use the atmosphere. A public speaker a few years ago said that the Trusts had monopolized everything but the air. The Wrights have already a suit in court to prevent people from flying with any machine but theirs.

"The Canadian Navy as planned can be of no use for the defence of the Empire," says a Winnipeg paper. Somehow it does not seem as if Winnipeg is exactly the point to which one would look for an authoritative declaration in naval affairs. It is to be hoped that Lord Fisher and Lord Charles Beresford will proceed forthwith to recast their opinions.

Commenting upon the observations of a city contemporary upon the appointment of Mr. Paterson to the Lieutenant-Governorship, the Montreal Gazette says, if what is said by that paper is true, Mr. Paterson's appointment may be somewhat menacing. We are glad to be able to tell the Gazette that it is not true. Mr. Paterson will make a constitutional governor. He is happy in the possession of sound common sense.

It was bound to come. We read in an eastern Conservative contemporary a eulogy of the late A. G. Blair. One of the most extraordinary things in politics is that when an opponent has been dead a few years his faults are forgotten and his virtues shine out brightly. It is a case of *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*, but it would not be bad if kindly things were said about opponents sometimes when they are living.

We find the Toronto News taking the same ground as the Colonist has taken in regard to British politics, namely, that Canadians should not interfere in them; and it also expresses the hope that the new attitude of the London Times towards Canada will not lead it to take sides in our politics. Coming from the News, whose editor is said to be slated for the position of Times manager in Canada, this statement is of great interest.

A very interesting story comes from London this morning as to the proposed naval base at Esquimalt. The project is so very reasonable, and such a base would be of such great importance that we are naturally predisposed to accept the report as correct. Probably the expenditure said to be in contemplation, \$10,000,000, is not for the Esquimalt station alone. The people of this city and its western suburb will await with deep interest confirmation of the story.

It seems a little late in the day to talk about what any one might have said or done at the time of the Rebellions. There are some Conservative papers, which seem to like being in opposition so much that they are striving to keep public attention focussed upon things that the people care nothing at all about. This is not the way in which the Conservatives carried British Columbia. They left that sort of thing to their opponents, and every one knows with what results.

As yet Victoria has not suffered materially by reason of the smoke nuisance; but the time may not be far distant when it will be a cause of trouble, and at any rate there is no reason in the world, why chimneys should emit great volumes of coal smoke, if any practical device can prevent them from so doing. We find in the Toronto Star a reference to a plan adopted by the Bank of Nova Scotia to prevent its furnace from sending out masses of smoke. It is what is technically called an "under-feed," which is an arrangement whereby the furnace is fed just as it needs fuel. There is therefore a steady combustion going on all the time. Smoke is given off in volume when furnaces are filled with fresh coal. This device is so exceedingly simple and is said to be so satisfactory that we commend it to the consideration of persons who may contemplate the introduction of large coal furnaces.

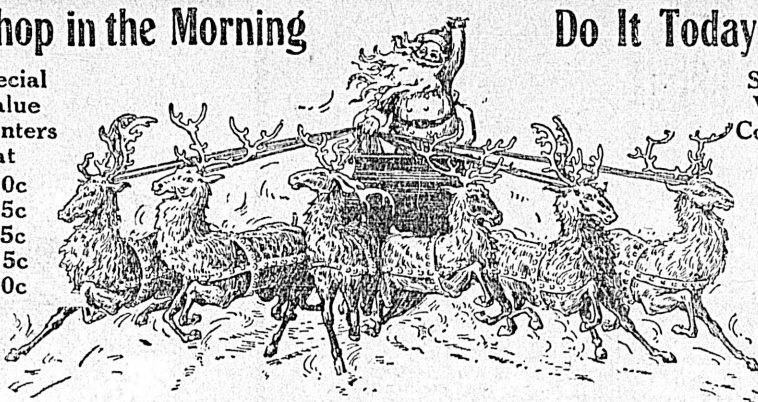
Alderman Stewart thinks that Victoria will have to buy water from the Esquimalt Waterworks company, and he has not hesitated to say so. The Colonist has said this over and over again. We have said that if we did not buy the Goldstream property, we would have to buy Goldstream water. We suppose the purchase of the Esquimalt Waterworks company's property is now out of the question, and the more of the city. There will come a time, and it is not far distant, when the ratepayers will regret that they did not seize the opportunity offered not long ago to settle the water supply question at once and forever. We did the best we could to secure what we thought a wise decision, but a policy of misrepresentation prevailed. It was unfortunate, but we must deal with things as they are, not as we would like them to be, and unless the city stops growing we will have to do the very thing a certain element was determined to avoid, namely, buy water at retail instead of buying the source of supply.

Her Way.

"Would you like to marry a widower, Elsie?"
Rather not. When I marry I mean to train my husband myself.—Pile-gende Blatter

Shop in the Morning

Special Value Counters at
10c
15c
25c
35c
50c



Do It Today

Special Value Counters at
10c
15c
25c
35c
50c

COMING WITH A RUSH

Today and Tomorrow, Only, Are Left

How to—and with what?—that's the problem you must solve at once, for Christmas is coming with a rush. Just today and tomorrow to do your choosing. So start right now—early today as possible.

You measure the value of every article by the service it will give you. Why not be equally practical at Christmas? Useful presents are the ones worth while, and here is the home of practical gift things.

You'll save time, worry, endless trouble and money if you come here first. Never better prepared and never offered such great values. Come in and test these statements.

1847 Roger Brothers' Silverware.

If you would get the best values and the best choice in that famous 1847 Rogers Bros.' Silverware, come to the headquarters for such lines. Our Silverware Department offers you a full range of this make, and there's an absence of "exclusive" prices. Look at the prices on the few lines listed here—you'll find them as low and in some cases lower than any quoted elsewhere in the city.

And remember, too, that these are the newest and best designs, and that this price includes a splendid Silk-lined Case—a dainty gift package. Come and choose the gift where price and choice is best.

Vintage, Daffodil, Lotus, Avon, Vesta, Fauenil, Priscella, Concord patterns shown.

GRAVY LADLES—Many choice patterns, each in lined case \$1.50

BERRY SPOONS—Nine beautiful patterns from which to choose, at \$2.50 and \$2.00

SOUP LADIES—Choose from the very newest ideals, in lined case, at \$4.00

SUGAR SPOON AND BUTTER KNIFE—The two pieces in lined case, at \$2.00 and \$1.75

JELLY KNIVES—Some very handsome creations, each in lined case, at \$1.50

SOUP TUREENS \$8

A Serviceable Piece of Silver you should send to your own home. Always useful but doubly desirable in the winter season. The designs are of superior worth, the silverplate the very finest. Let us show you some interesting styles at \$15.00 down to \$8.00.

BERRY DISHES \$4.00

BERRY DISHES—Always useful. It is only necessary to call attention to usual style to get you interested in these. Come in today and let us show you our new ones. Prices range from \$10 to \$4.00

CARD RECEIVERS \$3.00

CARD RECEIVERS for any lady who has a "day." And most of them have, so you'll be safe in sending one of these. The little prices should appeal to your purse. Don't imagine because the price is small that style is lacking. \$8.00 to \$3.00

SANDWICH PLATES \$5.00

SANDWICH PLATES MAKE tasty little sandwiches still and more palatable. At least these plates would. We have yet to see more attractive patterns—we don't think you have. You are safe in sending one of these. Priced from \$9.00 down to \$5.00

COLD MEAT FORKS—A splendid gift item, each in lined case, at \$1.50

CAKE FORK—Choose one of these as a gift. Each in lined case \$1.50

OYSTER FORKS—Six of these in lined case, per set \$3.00

PIE KNIVES—Several attractive patterns, each in lined case, at \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00

A. D. COFFEE SPOONS—Set of 6 in lined case, many patterns. Per set \$2.00

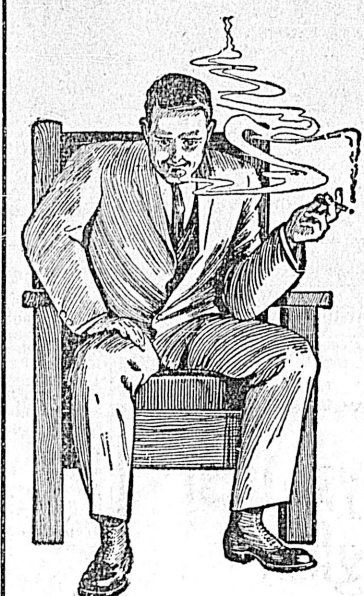
FERN POTS \$3.50

FERN POTS of more than ordinary worth, these. A fern in any sort of receptacle is attractive in the home, but put one in one of these and you have something that would grace any table or home. The best we have shown. Priced from \$12.00 down to \$3.50

BUTTER DISHES \$4.00

The newest designs—and many of them are shown here. The choice of prices is also broad and you'll find a gift of merit at the price you pay amongst these. We have them here ready for you, priced from \$10.00 down to \$4.00

Look Down This List for Men



Dozens of Practical Gifts

Run down this list of gift suggestions for men and see if there isn't something you would like to send HIM. Or better still, come in this morning and view the wonderful variety of suitable gifts for men folk displayed here. Hundreds of practical gifts and best values in the city.

Smokers' Cabinets
Smokers' Sets
Shaving Mirrors
Shaving Brushes
Shaving Mugs
Office Desks
Sectional Bookcases
Card Tables
Willow Easy Chairs
Foot Rests
Medicine Cabinets
Morris Chairs
Easy Chairs
Couches
Stools
Corkscrews
Manicure Sets
Liquor Sets
Students' Lamps
Electric Lamps
Photo Frames
Writing Sets
Stationery Holders
Book Racks
Ink Stands
Tie Racks

Bridge Tables, \$4.50

Send a Barrowes Bridge Table—there is no gift at the price that'll bring more delight to a lover of cards. Well made and finished fit for any home or any society. Fold compactly. Each packed in separate carton. From \$4.50.

Send a Trinket Set \$2.50

A TRINKET SET, such as these, would make an ideal gift for some lady friend. These china sets are among the newest creations in the china way, and are bound to become quickly popular. Decorations are rich floral effects, in beautiful colorings. We have a set consisting of pin tray, powder box, ring holders, two cold cream boxes and tray—9 pieces of china for \$2.50
Another Set consists of powder box, hair receiver, hat pin holder and tray—seven pieces of china for \$2.50

Sterling Silver Gifts

No More Lasting Gift Made

STERLING MOUNTED CUT GLASS VASES, at \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50
STERLING MOUNTED CUT GLASS COLOGNE BOTTLES, at each, \$4.00 and \$2.50
STERLING MOUNTED SALAD SERVERS, per pair, \$4.00
STERLING SILVER MEAT FORKS, at \$4.00 and \$2.50
STERLING SILVER BUTTER KNIVES, at \$3.00 and \$2.50
STERLING SILVER OLIVE FORKS, at \$1.75
STERLING SILVER GRAY LADIES, at \$5.00, \$4.50 and \$4.00
STERLING SILVER BABY SPOONS, at \$2.50 and \$1.50
STERLING SILVER SUGAR TONGS, at \$1.50
STERLING SILVER BON BON TONGS, at \$1.25
STERLING SILVER MIRRORS, \$16.00, \$15.00 and \$12.00
STERLING SILVER HAIR BRUSHES, \$10.00 and \$7.50
STERLING MOUNTED COMBS, at \$3.00
STERLING MOUNTED MUSTARD POTS, from \$2.00
STERLING MOUNTED SALT AND PEPPER, per pair \$1.50
SUGAR SHAKERS, cut glass, sterling mounted, at each, \$3.00
STERLING NAPKIN RINGS, from \$4.00 down to \$1.50
STERLING MOUNTED GLASS HAIRPIN HOLDERS, \$1.25
STERLING MOUNTED GLASS TOOTH BRUSH HOLDERS, at each, \$2.00 and \$1.50
STERLING SILVER SALT SPOONS, at \$5.00

Fish Carvers in Case \$5

HANDSOME FISH CARVERS of heavy silver plate with sterling silver mounts and in a plush lined case—how about that for a gift? See some new arrivals in our silver department today. Priced at \$5.00

Wedgwood Good Night Sets \$3.50

WEDGWOOD GOOD NIGHT SETS—The popular craze throughout the United States. Consist of jug, match holder, candle stick and tray. Priced at \$3.50
TETE-A-TETE SETS of Dainty China. Teapot, sugar, cream, two cups and saucers and tray at \$3.50
TABLE SETS, four pieces, at \$1.00
TEA SETS, three pieces, at \$1.00

Send A Carpet Sweeper
The ideal gift for the homekeeper is a Bissell Carpet Sweeper. It would be used Christmas morning and every day for fully ten years. And the price is decidedly easy—We have them at \$3.25

Here Is a List for Ladies

Kitchen Cabinets
Reed Rockers
Ottomans
Wicker Work Baskets
Wicker Cake Curates
Sectional Bookcases
Jardiniere Stands
Medicine Cabinets
Cheval Mirrors
Ladies' Desks
Morris Chairs
Easy Chairs
Couches
Music Cabinets
Magazine Racks
Library Tables
Tea Tables
China Cabinets
Bridge Tables
Framed Pictures
Handsome Mirrors
Dressing Tables

Sofa Cushions
Hearth Rugs
Table Covers
Bureau Scarfs
Tea Cloths
Tray Cloths
Pillow Slips
Table Linen
Hemstitched Sheets
Art Table Covers
Mexican Drawnwork
D'Oylies
Satin Marseilles Quilts
Oriental Rugs
Lace Curtains
China Ornaments
China Vases
China Tea Sets
China Dinner Sets
China Chocolate Sets
Fancy Plates
Silverware
Silver and Oak Ware
Manicure Sets
Salad Sets
Reading Lamps
Electric Lamps
Brass Goods
Photo Frames
Stationery Holders
Writing Sets
Jardinieres
Book Racks
Fern Pots

FIVE FLOORS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WEILLER'S

THE MECCA FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the more important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published, and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

The securing of Sooke as a water supply.
The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.
The stricter guarding of public morals.
A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

A. HENDERSON.

Boys' Best English Football Boots

Special price for the Holiday. Sizes 1 to 5.
Price

\$2.50

Per Pair

FULLERTON

THE SHOEMAN
1008 GOVERNMENT ST.
(Next to Campbell's)
Phone L1953.

Lever's Y-2 (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant.

DOCKET FOR NEW APPELLATE COURT

Four Criminal Appeals to Be Heard at Opening Session on January 4th

The abandonment of the proposed appeal in R. vs. Paseloski, a reserve case from a judgment by County Judge Howay at New Westminster, leaves but four criminal appeals to be taken up by the new appellate court of British Columbia, when that important tribunal assembles for the first time in this city on January 4, the bench being composed of Hon. Chief Justice J. A. Macdonald, and Justices Irving, Martin and Galloway.

In accordance with the terms of the act providing for the constitution of the new court, supreme court registrars will for the present serve also as registrars of the appellate division, although it is expected that special appointments in this connection will be made as soon as the volume of appellate court business develops such proportions as to make independent registries an obvious necessity. The only new officials demanded by the forthcoming inauguration of the new high court will be additional expert stenographers, two or three of whom will be required.

The R. vs. Paseloski appeal was originally taken by W. Norman Bole, K. C., of New Westminster, who acted as counsel for the Pole Paseloski upon his trial and conviction on a charge of perjury. Since the listing of the reserve case granted, for consideration by the appellate court, notification has been received of its abandonment, Paseloski being content to serve the 22 months to which he was sentenced by County Judge Howay.

The criminal appeals remaining upon the docket, for consideration as usual in advance of civil appeals, are:

R. vs. Peterio—A reserve case granted by County Judge Wilson of Kootenay. The trial and conviction of the defendant took place at Nelson, Peterio being found guilty of the theft of \$36 from one Mildred Mills. Appeal is based upon the alleged inadmissibility of certain admission which the trial judge permitted to go in as evidence.

R. vs. Stickler—A reserve case granted by County Judge Wilson of Kootenay, at Cranbrook. The prisoner was convicted of having obtained certain moneys by false pretences, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. The appeal here also rests upon the question of the admissibility of otherwise of certain evidence.

R. vs. Ingram—A reserve case granted by County Judge Wilson of Kootenay. Ingram had been indicted and convicted of keeping a gaming house in connection with his store at Fernie, and the appeal again rests upon the challenged admissibility of evidence.

R. vs. Walker and Chinley—A reserve case granted to Stuart Henderson, counsel for the two prisoners at their trial at the Clinton assizes, by the trial judge, Hon. Justice Morrison, appeal resting upon the admissibility of an ante-mortem statement by the

Indian woman Agnes, whom the prisoners were proved to have kicked to death during the course of a drunken orgie. Walker and Chinley were convicted by the trial jury of murder, and were sentenced to death by hanging, at Kamloops jail, on the 20th of the present month. A month's reprieve was subsequently granted upon the recommendation of the trial judge, until January 20, pending the appeal of the appeal allowed by his lordship.

CHRISTMAS MAIL A RECORD ONE

Public Will Expedite Post Office Authorities by Mailing Early

The post office staff has been inundated with Christmas mail which are more than a third greater this year than at any time previously. In the history of the post office, yesterday morning between 35 and 40 bags of letter mail from England, as well as a big paper mail, was sorted and tonight the Christmas parcel post, which came by the Allan line, is expected. The Christmas mail from eastern Canada is commencing to arrive and it promises to be a record breaker.

In order that cards, letters, and local parcels may be delivered before Christmas Day is past, the postmaster requests that the public mail their postal matter as quickly as possible; otherwise it may be delayed, as it will be impossible for the staff to deliver all the mail posted on Christmas eve on Christmas day. An extra staff of nine men has been employed, some to assist the staff in the post office, and three extra carriers.

Arrangements have been made for five express wagons which will be used to deliver parcels on Christmas morning.

Many letters are being received addressed to Santa Claus, child-believers in the good old fairy trusting the postal authorities to find the old man.

B.C. TROPHIES AT SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Province to Send Representative Specimens to Famous Chicago Exhibition

As a result of communications from L. O. Armstrong, colonization, tourist and sporting commissioner of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the province of British Columbia is already beginning to make suitable arrangements for attractive representation at the famous Sportsmen's Show in Chicago, which is to be resumed in February next, after eight years' suspension. This show is memorable as having been more original in its inception and more practically attractive to hunters, fishermen, and their kind of the whole world than any other sportsmen's show yet designed and carried to reality on this western continent. British Columbia will also be represented adequately and picturesquely at the forthcoming Sportsmen's Exhibition for Austro-Hungary, which is to be held at Vienna in midsummer.

It has been asked by the directors of both these important shows that British Columbia send exhibits of representative game—the heads and furs of typical wild animals; representative game birds and sporting fishes. No one who has visited the provincial museum needs convincing as to how specially attractive and interest-exciting such an exhibit might very well be made. The difficulty presents itself, however, that the province has in but few cases, suitable duplicate specimens to make foreign exhibition possible. The risks of damage in travel are too great to make it feasible to send away museum treasures, subject to return. And others are not available at present, although there are hopes for the future in this regard.

What can be done is to utilize effective literature to a large extent. Ten thousand special folders are now being provided for. There will be an immediate reprint of Commissioner Babcock's fine booklet of "Our Game Fishes"; and reprints are also ordered of the Game Bulletin and the Museum Guide. In addition it is proposed by Hon. Dr. Young, to whose department such arrangements fall, to combine these three attractive bulletins, in a special publication contained in handsome soft covers, as an edition de luxe of British Columbia's handbooks for the world's sportsmen. These will be made available for the forthcoming exhibitions, and also placed in many of the foremost clubs of Europe and America.

When Hon. Dr. Young assumed command of his present department, many of the museum specimens were of Alaskan origin. The representative value of the collection was therefore prejudiced. This error is being carefully corrected, and today the provincial museum is fairly regarded as distinctly representative, while its display of native birds, animals and fishes is unquestionably the finest in Canada, as the anthropological department is the best in Northern America.

Alberta Elevators.

CALGARY, Dec. 22.—Evidence of the marked progress and possibilities of Alberta comes in the announcement that during the past year grain interests expended over \$17,000,000 in the erection of 119 new elevators throughout the province. These elevators provide 56 new towns with grain storage facilities the total storage added during 1907 being 3,568,000 bushels. This province now has 245 elevators, with a capacity of 8,050,400 bushels which is practically equal to the capacity of the entire northwest territories in the season of 1904-1905. It is expected, however, that next year will eclipse the record of 1909, as plans are already being laid to add to the present terminal elevators here, and in addition elevator facilities must be provided in towns that are springing up along the new railroads that will reach Calgary in 1910.

Old Toronto Man Dead.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—John Glanville, one of the oldest citizens of Toronto, died suddenly yesterday. Mr. Glanville is the last survivor of the chime bell singers of St. James cathedral. He had been a resident of Toronto since 1847.

Small Steamer Ashore.

The steamer Grainer, which reached port yesterday morning, reported sighting a small vessel off the shore three miles north of Sidney spit. The Grainer brought a cargo of grain from the Fraser.



USEFUL XMAS GIFTS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

HANDKERCHIEFS

CHILDREN'S PICTORIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c or dozen 50¢
CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, in fancy boxes, per box 20¢
LADIES' FANCY BORDER HANDKERCHIEFS, 2 for 25¢
LADIES' PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, 3 for 25¢
LADIES' PURE LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, each 35c, 25c, 20c and 12 1-2¢
LADIES' PURE LINEN EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, \$1.00, 85c, 75c, 65c, 50c, 40c and 25¢
LADIES' SWISS EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, each 20c to 75¢
LADIES' INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 10¢
LADIES' PURE LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 35c and 20¢
LADIES' MALTESE LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, each \$1.40 to \$3.00
GENT'S PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, 50c and 25¢
GENT'S SILK AND LINEN INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, each 50¢

GLOVES

DENT'S GLOVES for Children in Tans, per pair 90c, \$1.00
DENT'S GLOVES for Ladies, tans only per pair \$1.00
DENT'S GLOVES, for Ladies, all shades, per pair \$1.25
DENT'S GLOVES for ladies, all shades, per pair \$1.50
VALLIER GLOVES, for Ladies, all shades, per pair \$1.75

REYNIER GLOVES, for Ladies, all shades, per pair \$1.75
GENT'S KID GLOVES, in tans only, per pair, \$1.50, \$1.25

Our Glove Certificates make ideal gifts, where the size or kind wanted is not known. If the recipient does not wish gloves they may be exchanged for merchandise of equal value.

UMBRELLAS

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL UMBRELLAS, strong frames, each 90c and 85¢
MISSSES' AND LADIES' UMBRELLAS, mercerised covers, good handles, each \$1.25
LADIES' UMBRELLAS, gloria covers, assorted handles, each \$2.00 and \$1.75
LADIES' UMBRELLAS, gloria covers, assorted horn handles, each \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.25
LADIES' UMBRELLAS, heavy gloria covers, a good selection of handles, each \$6.50, \$5.50, \$5.00, \$4.50, \$3.75 and \$3.25
LADIES' HIGH CLASS UMBRELLAS, fine silk covers, assorted handles, each \$10.00, \$8.50, \$7.50 and \$6.75
GENT'S UMBRELLAS, mercerised covers, strong frames, each \$1.25
GENT'S UMBRELLAS, self openers, strong frames, each \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.25
GENT'S UMBRELLAS, gloria covers, self openers, each \$2.50 and \$2.00
GENT'S UMBRELLAS, fine gloria covers, each \$4.00, \$3.50, \$3.00 and \$2.75
GENT'S UMBRELLAS, fine twill gloria covers, assorted horn or wood handles, each \$7.50, \$6.50, \$6.00, \$5.50 and \$5.00

HENRY YOUNG & CO.

1123 Government Street

Victoria, B. C.

REDFERN & SONS

Additional staff ensures prompt attention. We take great pleasure in being able to state that we have received many compliments on the promptness with which we are able to wait on all customers. The time of Xmas shoppers is just as valuable as ours

Bracelets in Solid Gold

Plain, 14-kt. \$13.50
French finish, ruby in centre, one pearl each side, very neat looking \$22.50
Double Chain, with three diamonds, dull finish \$40.00
Bracelets in bright finish, light, various designs, 50c to \$10.00

ALL GENUINE STONES

A choice assortment of the newest in ladies' hair ornaments. The Diadem, the latest and prettiest French hair ornament, \$4.00 to 75¢
BACK AND FRONT COMBS, in various designs and patterns, from \$1.00

Very good values in Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watch Chains:
Gentlemen's, in solid gold, up from \$10.00
Ladies', in solid gold, up from \$17.50
Gentlemen's, in gold filled, up from \$1.00
Ladies', in gold filled, up from \$5.00

Patterns of Chains are: Rope, Trace, Fetter, Curb, Alma, and various other designs.

I DO SOMETHING THAT NEVER WAS DONE BEFORE



KEEPS CONTENTS HOT 24 HOURS
KEEPS CONTENTS COLD 72 HOURS

Silverware Suggestions for Xmas

SILVER BACK HAIR BRUSHES, really magnificent, beautiful chased and engraved, beaded edges, very exclusive, at \$10.00
SILVER BACK HAIR BRUSHES, in various patterns, at from \$10.00 to \$1.00
MIRRORS to match, from \$20.00 down to \$7.50
CLOTHES BRUSHES, silver backs, up from \$2.50

For the Gentlemen

EBONY MILITARY BRUSHES, genuine ebony, \$7.50 and \$6.00
EBONY SET, consisting of mirror, two brushes and comb, large and small clothes brush, a beautiful gift \$16.00
Monograms affixed as desired.
Cigar and Cigarette Cases, and Smokers' other necessities.

DIAMOND SCARF PINS in various designs, such as horseshoe, crescent, star, solitaire. Extensive range of prices, up from \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$35.00
DIAMOND RING, single stone in any setting you may wish, \$25 to \$300.00
CUFF LINKS, set with diamonds, up from \$10.00
SOLID GOLD STUDS—In sets of 2 round or flat tops, dull or bright finish, up from \$3.00
In sets of three, with various genuine stone settings, up from \$5.00
LARGE COLLAR BUTTONS, up from \$1.00
SOLID GOLD CUFF LINKS, plain, bright or dull finish, up from \$2.50
Set with various genuine stones, up from \$9.00
GOLD FILLED STUDS, in sets of three, up from \$1.00
Every lady entering our store will receive one of our handsome Calendars.

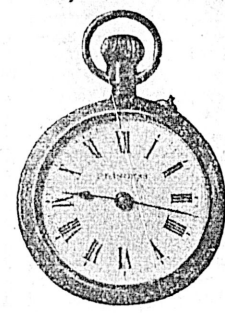
CUT GLASS



An Inexpensive Watch

The Princess

The little Miss Would appreciate this.



1009 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

AMUSEMENTS

At Pantages.

One of the best vaudeville shows that has ever played in Victoria is at the Pantages theatre this week. The feature act is Moore and St. Claire, presenting "The Barnstormers," which is

without doubt a very funny act, and is a laugh from start to finish. They have been recalled at every performance. Another very neat act is the one presented by Misses Jennifer and George in Spanish costume, singing and violin playing; Miss Jennifer does some good violin solo work. Fred Edwards, the Italian of Italy, does a

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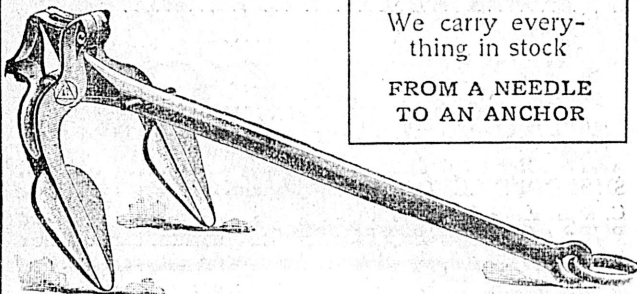
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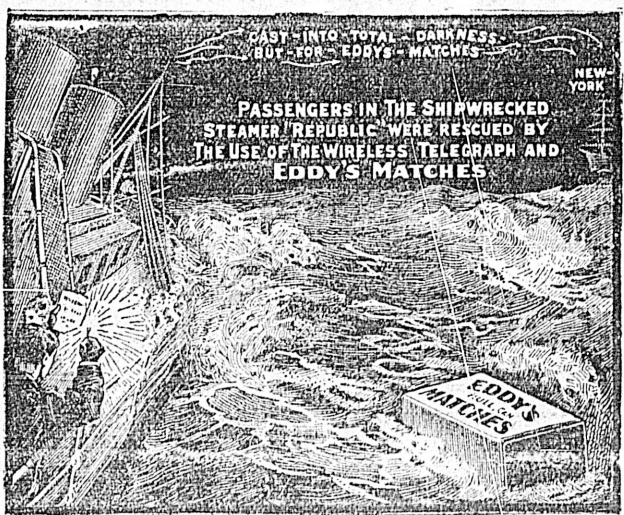
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Christmas Day Service.

The services at St. Mark's church on Christmas Day will be held at 10 a.m., the sermon being preached by Rev. W. Barton.

To Hold Meeting.

A meeting of the B. C. A. A. U. will be held in the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 8 o'clock to discuss the dispute in connection with the question of amateurism and professionalism.

Seamen's Social.

On Christmas Eve, commencing at 8 p.m., a social and smoker will be given at the Seamen's Institute, Bastion Square, to which all seamen in port are cordially invited. Music and refreshments will be provided.

Y. M. C. A. Christmas Dinner.

The local Y. M. C. A. has made all arrangements for its Christmas dinner to be held in the Broad street rooms on Saturday at 12:30 p. m. On the first of the new year an open day will be held at the institution, the programme consisting of a road race in the morning, a gymnasium exhibition in the afternoon and a literary evening.

New Colbert Building.

Construction work on the new building for the Colbert Plumbing and Heating Company, Limited, to be situated on Fort street next to the old Philharmonic hall, will be commenced within the next few weeks. The structure will be of brick, two stories in height, with a concrete foundation. The contractors are G. C. Mesher and Company, who also are building the new Pemberton block, which it is expected will be ready for occupation by next May.

Moving to Hatley Park.

The transfer of residence from Government House to Hatley Park is being slowly, because methodically, accomplished by the household of Mr. James Dunsmuir, who hope to be comfortably settled in their new home by New Year's Day, by which date also Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Paterson will have taken possession of their official home. The master and mistress of Carey Castle will receive as usual on New Year's Day when it is expected that an unusual number of guests will present their seasonable felicitations.

Sixth Bantley Recital

Last evening at the studio of Benedict Bantley a most delightful musical recital was rendered by his pupils at their sixth recital. Married talent was displayed by the gifted musicians and Mr. Bantley is to be congratulated upon the success of his pupils through his tuition. For the studio work in this city Mr. Bantley has imported two Blüthner grand pianos from Germany and on this occasion these were heard to the delight of the number of those present. In conclusion Mrs. Bantley contributed several vocal selections in well known soprano voice.

E. & N. Train Service.

For the first time since the last washout on the E. & N. railway was morning train left the local depot at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The freights came and went on time. There was no hitch in the operation of the system, the repairs made at the Silica Brick Works and at a point in the vicinity of Cowichan being found satisfactory. In view of the completion of the work rendered necessary through the ravages of the rains of November it is expected that an announcement will be made by the officials regarding the double service sometime this week.

Princeton Line Opens.

Today the new Princeton line of the Great Northern Railroad, which is intended to become a part of the Vancouver and Eastern Railroad will be opened for traffic between Keremeos and Princeton. According to information received by E. R. Stephen, local agent of the Great Northern Railway Company, the line which will be opened today includes the following stations and distances: Keremeos to Ashnola, 2.9 miles; Bradshaw, 6.27 miles; Hedley, 4.4 miles; Cory, 5.21 miles; Bromley, 6.74 miles; Norman, 4.76 miles; Allison, 4.75; Princeton, 2.47 miles. There are no agents at Keremeos, Ashnola, Bradshaw, Cory, Bromley, Norman and Allison and freight charges to those points must be prepaid. Tariffs giving all details for the line will be received here shortly.

Salvation Army's Xmas.

Christmas festivities are beginning early at the Salvation Army Citadel on Broad street. Tonight at 8 o'clock an entertainment will be given by the members of the corps under the leadership of J. S. Sergeant-Major J. C. Smith, assisted by the J. S. Company Guards. A good programme has been arranged which will particularly interest the grown-ups as well as the little folks. The Christmas tree will be an attractive feature and Santa Claus will personally distribute the presents, with which it is laden, to the children who attend the S. A. Sunday school. On Christmas night there will be an enrolment of recruits, who have for a specified time qualified themselves for citizenship. The ceremony, while solemn, is very interesting and is always performed in a public meeting, and leaves no doubt as to the way the Army "makes soldiers." The roll has been almost trebled in less than two years, and the officers in charge, with the soldiers, look forward to a Merry Christmas.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Wark.

The funeral of the late John McAdoo Wark took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Simcoe street, at 2:15 o'clock and at St. James' Church at 2:30, where service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet at the church and graveside. There was a large attendance of friends, among whom were several old pioneers. Many beautiful flowers were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Hon. D. M. Eberts, H. D. Helmecken, J. C. J. R. Anderson, J. H. Lawson, John Tolmie and R. Finlayson.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 22, 1909.
The pressure remains high over the North Pacific slope, the Prairie provinces and the middle west states, and is the controlling factor in the continuance of the present fair weather conditions that prevail in nearly all districts. Temperatures are normal on the coast but east of the Rockies low temperatures continue.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	26	37
Vancouver	21	33
New Westminster	20	31
Kamloops	12	18
Barkerville	zero	6
Fort Simpson	26	...
Atlin	12	24
Dawson, Y. T.	2 below zero	...
Calgary, Alta.	16 below 24	...
Winnipeg, Man.	8 below 16	...
Portland, Ore.	23	28
San Francisco, Cal.	42	52

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. Pacific Time Thursday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Light to moderate winds, chiefly northerly and east winds, generally fair and cold.
Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria meteorological office, December 15th to 21st, 1909:

At Victoria there were recorded 21 hours and 12 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature, 15 on 16th; lowest 27 on 21st; no precipitation.
At Vancouver—Bright sunshine 8 hours 12 minutes; highest 39 on 16th, 17th; lowest 23 on 21st; precipitation .04 inch.

At New Westminster—Highest 38 on 16th; lowest 22 on 21st; no precipitation.
At Kamloops—Highest 32 on 15th; lowest 16 on 21st; trace of snow.
At Barkerville—Highest 39 on 15th; lowest zero on 19th; snow 20 inch.
At Port Simpson—Highest 40 on 15th; lowest 26 on 20th; rain 30 inch.
At Atlin—Highest 42 on 16th; lowest 8 on 19th; no precipitation.

POPLARS PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The annual distribution of prizes to the girls of Miss Messenger's school took place at The Poplars on Monday last. The following awards were made:

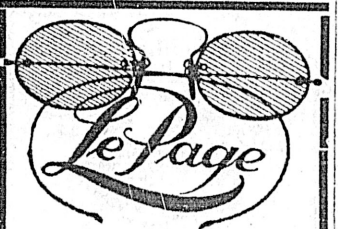
First class:—Evelyn Floyd—Arithmetic and algebra 85; Scripture 91; English 86; German 80; Florence Smith; second—English 83; French 81; German 80; map drawing 90; Doris Worsfold—Literature 82; Mary Beaumont Boggs—General improvement.
Second class, upper division:—Denise Harris—Highest term, literature 84; Phyllis Slater—Scripture 80; Elocution 91; Grace Robertson—Composition 90; Margaret Macdowell—Spelling and dictation 82.
Second class, lower division:—Kitty Smith—Literature 86; literature 83; French (conversation) 92; Margaret Hoyer—Geography 87; English history 81; Hilda Fleming—Geography 87; English 87; Vivienne Charlton—Elocution 89; English grammar 83; Cordelia Jennings—Dictation 92; Carmen Macdowell—General improvement.

Third class:—Victoria Wyld—Literature 85; geography 83; Meta Bowker—Composition 78; Isabel Fox—Writing, spelling, and dictation 82; Rosamund Munday—Scripture 77; Norah Mesher—General improvement.
Fourth class:—Aline Stewart Williams—English elocution 89; literature 80; Lillian Woodward—Scripture 85; Frances Munday—Arithmetic and spelling 94; Marie Courtney—Reading 83.
Primary class:—Nell Musgrave—Scripture 84; Rhoda Boulton—Elocution 85; Mona Miller—Geography 81; Dorothy Lawson—General improvement; Naomi Heming—General improvement.

The first music prize was gained by Evelyn Floyd and prizes were awarded for progress in that subject to the following pupils of Miss Archibutts primary class: Aline Stewart Williams, Mona Miller, Rosamund Munday, Frances Munday, Dorothy Lawson, Lillian Woodward, Mary Wightman.

The good conduct prize of the school was gained by Aline Williams and the "Noblesse Oblige" badge by Vivienne Charlton.

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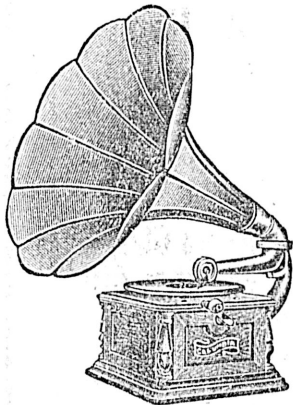
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Dr. W. H. Gaskell Writes Regarding Location for Provincial University

A strong advocate of a suburban site for the new provincial university is found in Dr. W. H. Gaskell, of the University of Cambridge, who writes a weighty letter on his reasons for this opinion. He strongly deprecates the planting of such an institution within a large town. A copy of his letter has been forwarded to the Colonist through the kindness of Dr. J. L. Todd, of Macdonald College, who writes as follows:

Sir:—During the past few months several letters have appeared in your columns concerning the site which should be chosen for the university which British Columbia is to build for herself. Some of these letters have favored a rural site; others have been in favor of an urban one; but by far the greater number of them advocate a definitely suburban site, in which may be obtained all the advantages of the country and some of those of the city.

Those persons who have been in favor of an urban site have based their preference upon the fact that two important facilities of a university must depend for the proper teaching of some of the subjects upon the neighborhood of a large population. These facilities are those of law and medicine.

The letter which I enclose is of particular interest in this connection, because it was written by Dr. W. H. Gaskell of the University of Cambridge. Dr. Gaskell has had a most distinguished university career and he has been connected with the medical faculty of this university for many years. He is therefore well qualified to give an opinion concerning the conditions under which medical students can be instructed best. For this reason, the fact that he prefers a distinctly residential, suburban university will carry especial weight.

J. L. TODD.

Dr. Gaskell's Letter
The enclosure follows:
Dear Sir:—I send you now my opinions on the subject of the best place for a university.

The object of a university is, it seems to me, twofold: (1) the shaping of character at a most important time in the life of every man or woman, and (2) teaching, literary and scientific, which should form a sound groundwork for the ultimate life's work of every student. The first requires an interchange of opinions between the students themselves and also between them and their teachers which can be attained only in its fullest extent in a residential university free from the distractions of a home life and of a large town. The second requires quietness, light, the concentration of all the university buildings in one spot, in the centre of which must be an efficient library. Such conditions are attainable in a university town, but not in a large commercial town. I would make a marked distinction between a university and a series of technical institutions such as may well exist in a large town in close proximity to commercial undertakings, hospitals and law courts.

The Contrast
I look upon the university as affording the best possible opportunity of obtaining the most thorough training in the subjects, scientific or otherwise, which are necessary for the future career of the student.

At the same time there is no necessity that the full and complete curriculum should be given at the university; thus, to take as an example, the study of medicine, the preliminary subjects, physics, chemistry, biology, anatomy, physiology and even a good deal of pathology (including bacteriology) are best studied in a broad-minded, scientific university, rather than in a distinct, often narrow, school of medicine attached to some hospital in a large town. After these studies are completed, the student will have finished his university course and should now go to the large town with the best hospitals and the best medical and surgical teaching. In this way the student obtains the best training, for in the university, imbued as it should be with an atmosphere of scientific research, he would get the most thorough scientific training in the groundwork of medical science while, in the large hospital, he would get the best practical training in his profession, such as he could not possibly obtain in a small university town. What applies to the medical man, applies to a greater or less degree to other professions.

Some Requirements
It is, I think, a distinct advantage that the university town should be at no great distance from the larger town with its hospitals, its workshops, etc., if only for the reason that such a town is more likely to possess an efficient library than the university itself. I do not think that the expense to the student need be greater in such a university than in one situated in a large town. A well-organized system initiated by the university authorities ought to be able to provide board and lodging more economically and much more pleasantly than that obtained from rapacious boarding-house keepers in back streets of a large town. Another most important consideration in favor of the university town is the question of health. It is to my mind most important to the welfare of any community that the young men and women who, in consequence of their university training, will represent the leading classes in the community, should at this most important period of their life grow up as strong and healthy as possible. Plenty of fresh air and plenty of healthy exercise is quite as important for the training of the student as efficient teaching. In a well-chosen country town the playing fields are easily accessible and the land is cheap, while the purity of the air and the amount of sunshine is immeasurably greater than in a large town. For this reason alone, so important is it, I would never advocate the planting of a university in the midst of a large town.

W. H. GASKELL.

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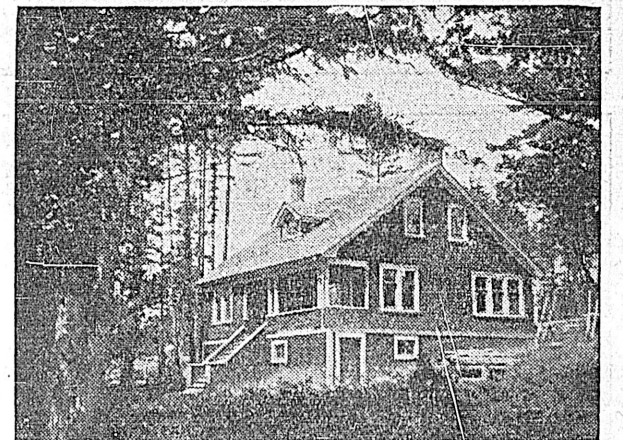
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If the kindness and generosity of the people of Victoria could compensate the inmates of the Orphan's Home for the loss of the love of their own parents, they would be the happiest of children. There is nothing else that the children need of which they are deprived. The orphanage itself is really a home, in so far as it is possible for the matron and the management to make it so. The children have not only good food and comfortable clothing, but ample freedom to enjoy themselves in their own way. They attend the public schools and are known there as good pupils. No uniform distinguishes them from their schoolmates, and their residence in the orphanage is not looked upon as a reason, either for pity or reproach. On holidays, especially at Christmas time, they are provided for better than they. Their Christmas table is provided with good cheer, and their Christmas tree, were it far bigger than it is, would not contain nearly all the presents and dainties that are sent to them.

It is good to know that the orphanage has gained another friend, and one whose means will enable him to do much for the children. The generosity of Mr. Britton will make it possible for the kind friends who usually send the Christmas fare to the children, to lay in a stock of good things which will last far past the holiday season. There is no danger that in thanking him, either the children or the management will forget the many friends who, with smaller means, have been the constant friends of this excellent institution.

The boys and girls cannot have too many or too wise helpers. In their preparation for life they have some advantages which few other children possess. The girls are taught how to care for the little ones, and take part in the duties of the household. In past years they have shown that they profited by the instruction they received, and many of them now are notable housewives. Is it too much to hope that very soon there will be a large garden on the grounds where the boys (and girls too) can be instructed in the culture of vegetables and fruit? This would require a large outlay at first, and a gardener who was apt to teach would have to be employed. But the children would gain in many ways, beside in the ability to earn a livelihood when they are old enough to leave the orphanage.

The provincial government has provided a farm, a workshop, and teachers for the boys who have broken the laws. Could it not do as much for the good boys who must live together in the big "home" on the hill, because they have suffered the greatest loss that can befall a child?

The Ladies Guild of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society are to be congratulated on the work they have accomplished. In a year they have not only procured a site, but collected a large part of the sum needed for a new sailors' home. There is no doubt that the public will show its appreciation of the work done by the compassionate and public-spirited ladies, and that the sum still needed will be readily subscribed. A sailors' institute has long been needed, and the old one was utterly inadequate. It will be needed even more in the future, as the shipping increases, and with it the number of sailors who make Victoria their temporary home.

It seems a pity that the trustees are obliged to refuse admission to the pupils from outside districts. Of course in this matter they are within their rights. The school board is under no obligation to provide for the tuition of children in the outlying districts. Nor should there be any hardship in compelling pupils to attend the schools in the various municipalities. But, rightly or wrongly, many parents think that the children who attend the city schools have advantages over those that are less fully graded. On the other hand, some of the brightest pupils come from the suburbs of the city, and the teachers will miss these.

While the city classes may lose, the suburban schools should gain by the action of the trustees. It is a mistake to believe that the best teaching is done in the classes in which a single grade is taught. There is often more intellectual activity in the partially-graded, or even the ungraded school than in those where children of the same degree of attainment are massed together. Children learn much that is not taught them directly, and association with those whose attainments are greater has advantages not to be overlooked.

The great trouble with the rural schools is the too frequent change of teachers. This, the people of any district could remedy to a great extent. If every parent took an interest and a pride in the school which their children attend, teachers would learn to look upon the district as a pleasant home. There is no reason why in

Oak Bay, Esquimalt, and Saanich the schools should not be as excellent in every respect as those of Victoria. When this is the case there will no longer be any desire on the part of the parents to send their children to the city schools.

At the same time, it is to be hoped that there will never again, after this time, be any reason for the trustees of Victoria schools to refuse admission to any who desire to attend them. The school accommodation should always exceed present needs. This is difficult in a rapidly-growing city, but it is a policy that pays.

There are not many women in the world today more to be pitied than the wife of Dr. Cook. No more terrible fate could befall a loving, trusting woman than to have her husband proved guilty of deception and dishonesty. Even should she refuse to leave him, all that makes life worth living to her is gone. There is no corner of the world that can shelter her and her children from the infamy which they must share with the unworthy husband and father. The whole story is one of the saddest and most amazing things that has happened in this generation.

Dr. Eliot, who declared some time ago that women should be educated for the purpose of wifehood and motherhood, has again been speaking on the same subject. As reported, he has not added greatly to the generally accepted opinions as to the qualifications needed to prepare a woman to preside fittingly over her own home. He does not believe that the education of a woman, any more than that of a man, ceases when she leaves school. On the contrary, he thinks that the house is an excellent training place for the intellectual faculties. But he does not believe that those women who employ servants to care for their children and governesses to teach them are likely to develop as well as those whose want of means compel them to take charge of their own children. Nor does he think that a college course is needed by the woman who would be the wise guide of her children and a sympathetic companion to her husband. But he does believe that a woman must have good natural ability and fine feeling if she would become a home-maker. He says:

"The normal girl, who learns to read, write and cipher at school, and acquires there a little knowledge of history and literature and taste for reading, finds her means of intellectual development outside of the schoolroom in her practice of the household arts, in her study of clothes for herself and her family, in her enforced careful expenditure of money, in reading and in her daily intercourse with father and mother, brothers and sisters, companions and acquaintances."

"From these things much intellectual training can be extracted by a girl who thinks, and the girl who does not think before she is 24 is not likely to think much at any time of her life. When courtship and marriage are taken thoughtfully, and neither as a matter of mere impulse and emotion nor as a business arrangement, there comes with them a strong intellectual stimulation, and in most cases a widening of the field of observation and thought."

There is still much misunderstanding as to what constitutes fresh air. It is believed by many that cold air is poor when warm. This is not necessarily the case. A cold room may be quite as dangerous from a sanitary point of view as a warm one. The only pure air is outside air and unless it obtains constant admission into a room in which people live the atmosphere of the room will become unfit to breathe. The circulation of air does not purify it any more than the

stirring of the dirty water in a vessel will cleanse it. This is all that is accomplished by much of the so-called ventilation. The open window has disadvantages and may in certain cases be dangerous, but at least it admits pure air.

Ask Christmas Greenery

The ladies who are decorating the hospital for Christmas find that they have not received the usual quantity of trailing ivy and holly. Any one having either to spare will confer a great favor by sending word by telephone to the hospital. A messenger will then be sent to get it.

CONCERNING WOMEN

Queen Margherita has a weakness for the books of American and English novelists. She also reads English and American magazines, and it is her opinion that the American school of short-story writers at present is the best in the world. The queen lives over several hours every day to fiction. She reads extensively in Italian, of course, but her especial fondness is for books in English. She talks and writes English fluently, and in all literature likes nothing so much as tales of western American life, whether of the mining camp or the ranch. She has read almost everything that has been written about the cowboy. American and English books are sent to her by a London bookseller as soon as published, and once she takes up a volume she finds it difficult to put it down until she has turned the last page.

Mrs. Emily Brown, known in London as "The Old Lady of Tabard Street," is dead. An unusual tragedy surrounded her last days. For eighty-six years she lived in the house in Tabard street in which she was born. Two months ago it was decided to rebuild the block and Mrs. Brown was asked to move. She refused and for two weeks various legal resorts were tried in vain. Then she was carried out by two policemen acting on a judge's order. She was taken in by friends, but from the first insisted upon being taken in a wheelchair to see the workmen demolishing the building which had been her home for almost a century. She insisted also upon seeing the new building rise. One day she said she did not wish to go out; she gave way to a bitter denunciation of those who had robbed her of her home, and a few hours afterward she was dead.

Women were asserting themselves in Rome in 195 B. C. just as they are today. After the battle of Cannae the Opplian law was passed forbidding any woman to have more than half an ounce of gold, to wear a parti-colored garment or to ride in a chariot within the city or within half a mile of it, except for religious purposes. The women at first denied themselves for the good of Rome, but when the war ended and prosperity returned they refused to obey the law. They complained for the repeal of the law and marched to the forum in crowds, demanding that they be permitted to adorn themselves as they pleased. The situation enraged Cato, who demanded: "Are your ways more winning in public than in private, and with other women's husbands than your own?" Agreed he, by the way, to his present action. If the gods permit it, he is letting them appear in the forum and take a hand at public meetings and in the voting booths. And, addressing himself bluntly to his fellow Romans, he wrote: "Pray, what will they not do if they carry this point? Tell me, if you let them seize privileges and take them from you one by one, and finally become your equals, do you think that you can stand them? As soon as they have begun to be your equals they will be your superiors." Alas, for poor Cato! The women had their way, for the Opplian law was repealed by a unanimous vote of the assembly.

The Pace That Kills.

Jerome S. McWade, the millionaire, collector of Duluth, condemned in a recent lecture American pugaciousness. "My paper," said he, "tells me how A. breaks B's jaw because he happens to stumble over B's foot in a street car. Arrested for assault, he says, 'The man who crosses his legs in a crowded car deserves a licking.'"

"That sort of ruffianism is intolerable. Yet in our nervous irritability, due to our climate and to the break-neck pace of our business life, we are continually squabbling and fighting."

Mr. McWade smiled. "I heard of a copper miner who was hurrying homeward, worn out with too hard a day's work, when he came upon another chap under a street lamp."

"Hello," said he, "are you Dick Sweeney of Two Harbors?"

"The other chap, who was also fagged to death, snarled out: 'No, I ain't Dick Sweeney of Two Harbors.'"

"Then the first chap shot out his fist and landed a heavy left on the other's jaw."

"Well, take that, then," said he, "for hein' so like him!"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Town and Country.

The city fellow dives away and all the while keeps adding something day by day unto his pile. He talks about the country's charm and hopes to buy himself a farm.

The farmer tills the stubborn soil. Subdues the sod. And banks in autumn for his toil. A goodly wad. And when enough he's salted down He hopes to go and live in town.

Flippancies.

The ultimate consumer—the worm. Claims that are always on the go—urchins. Does a linen shower come down in sheets?

It's odd that we get soft water from hard rain. Burning your bills is not a good way of making light of your troubles. The umbrella is a symbol of hope; it looks up when under a cloud. The only reason you can see for its being called "football" is because it isn't played on horseback.

Waiting at the Altar.

"So Wilkins deserted Miss Barks at the altar. Did his courage leave him?" "Leave him! No, it returned."

Sorry He Spoke.

De Broke: "A penny for your thoughts, old man." Haskins: "I was thinking I would ask you for that \$10 you owe me."

The Illogical One.

Wife: "You refuse to let me go to Nice, yet I notice you can buy your self new boots."—Bon Vivant.

Extravagance.

Farmer (to editor of local paper). "I want to put a notice in your newspaper of the death of my brother. What's yer price?" Editor: "Ten shillings and sixpence an inch, sir." Farmer: "Oh, I can't afford that; my brother was six feet two."—M.A.P.

In Great Chicago.

"Curious chap, that Hanson." "In what way?" "You know he went to live in New York about six months ago." "Yes." "Well, he's been back here three days now, and I haven't heard him say a word about the 'emptiness of life in the provinces.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Lawn Blouses just arrived for Xmas at the Beehive, Douglas street; specials \$1.75 and \$2.00. Also a nice range of Lace Net Blouses from \$4.00, and Silk Blouses from \$2.50. Our English Skirts are all the rage and are really splendid values, \$1.25 up.

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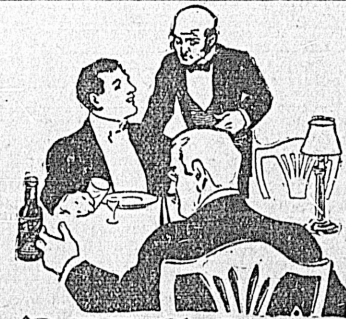
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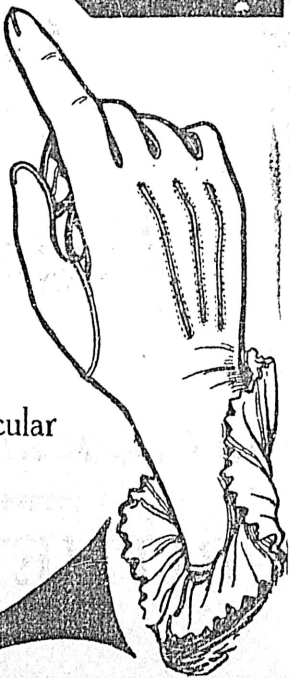
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Bruce Sterling leaves this morning for California by the steamer Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Saunders, from Revelstoke, are visitors in town.

Miss M. Peterson has returned from a visit with Seattle friends.

Mrs. Foster and Miss Brown are visiting friends in the Terminal City.

Smith, Curtis, ex-M. P., has left for the Similkameen.

J. A. Mara and T. G. Mitchell, Lloyds agent, are visiting the Mainland.

H. P. McDowell has returned from a ten days' visit to the Sound.

H. M. and Mrs. Fullerton have returned from Seattle.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven is visiting Nanaimo.

Arthur L. Hunt is over from Thetis Island, and an Empress guest.

Mr. S. Harris and Mr. Menard Gilbert are visitors in town from San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sparrow, from Ottawa, are the guests of relatives in Victoria West for the next few weeks.

R. F. and Mrs. Green are spending Christmas with friends at their old home in Kaslo.

H. F. W. Behnson, M. P. P., is expected home tonight from Fernie and other points in East Kootenay.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Ewing are among the arrivals from Prince Rupert to spend Christmas at the capital.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney general, has gone to Vancouver to spend Christmas with his family and friends.

H. Glendinning has returned to Vancouver, after an enjoyable week's visit with Victoria friends.

Douglas MacTavish is over from his new home in Portland, Ore., to spend the Christmas season with his family.

James Woods, of Woods Bros., has returned from a short business visit to the Sound.

Mr. J. J. Mahoney and Mr. J. P. Mahoney, from Cowichan, are in town for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dundas and Mr. R. G. Dundas, from Shawnigan Lake, are spending a short time in town.

William T. and Mrs. Roper of Cherry Creek are Christmas guests at the Empress.

Malcolm R. J. Reid, of the Vancouver teaching staff, is spending the holidays in the city, a guest at the Balmoral hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harries, from Hamilton, arrived in Victoria yesterday and will spend the next three months at Oak Bay.

Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, D. D., secretary of the Vancouver Tourist Association, is spending a few days as an Empress guest.

Hugh B. Gilmour, western representative of the Watrous Engine Co., of Waterloo, Ont., is visiting the city, an Empress guest.

Among recent arrivals from England at present in Victoria are: Mr. G. A. L. Wyllis, Mr. E. Hughes and Captain and Mrs. Crompton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Preen, from Seattle, are in Victoria and will spend Christmas with Mrs. J. H. Thomson at Cedar Hill.

J. A. Catherwood of Mission City is in the city, having been one of the deputation interviewing the local government on educational matters.

John Hutchinson, manager of the handsome new Miners' Theatre, at Fernie, which is to open January 1st, is spending Christmas with Victoria friends.

There are many Seattle visitors in town at present, among them being Messrs. J. C. Corbin, R. E. Bullock, G. E. Howes, G. E. Huston, G. H. Primrose, A. L. Oils, R. H. Ulrick.

The Rev. the Honorable T. R. Heneghan continues to make improvement in St. Joseph's hospital and appreciates the kindness of his many friends in their inquiries.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the Socialist leader, was a visitor in the city yesterday, calling during the morning to extend congratulations to Premier McBride.

Mrs. Graham Bell, wife of the famous inventor of the telephone, is visiting Mrs. A. W. McCurdy, Esquimalt Road, with whom she will leave immediately after the holidays on a visit to Southern California.

Edward Mallandaine and wife, former residents of Victoria, and now prominent Crestonites, have left on an extended European tour. Mr. Mallandaine is now chief lumber agent and district representative of the C. P. R.

Frank H. Price and wife returned from Seattle yesterday and are spending a few days at the Empress before

proceeding to their home in Duncan. Mr. Price reports an exceptionally busy and satisfactory season at both the Tzouhalem and the Lakeside hotels, of which Price Bros. are proprietors.

Thomas I. Dunn is visiting Kootenay friends.

H. G. Parsons, M. P. P., has returned to Golden for Christmas.

Captain and Mrs. Armstrong and family are down from Golden to spend the holidays with Victoria friends.

Among the most recently arrived Vancouverites at the Empress are C. G. L. Sprout, George MacNeal and wife, V. M. Young, A. E. Hall, H. M. Hellwell, T. H. Worsnop, R. S. Coxon, C. N. Woods, E. E. Frost, Charles Doering, Isaac and Mrs. Cathcart, and John D. Merritt.

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An enjoyable musical recital was given on Tuesday evening by the pupils of Mrs. K. Hamilton at her residence, "Hillcrest," Craigflower road.

The following took part in the programme: Emma Allen, Gladys Atkins, Juanita Crowthers, Frances Davis, Alberta James, Mina and Louise Lee, Besie and Margaret MacDonald, Lillian MacKenzie, Edna MacKeel, Miss Orffhouse, Alice and Winnie Painter, Elsie and Margaret Redding, Pearl Ross, Jessie Smith, Blanch Vale, Mrs. Madden, and Cecil Mayse.

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The property measures 60x240 feet, running back to View street. The deal was negotiated by Gillespie and Hart.

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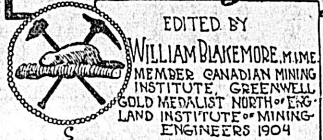
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New Coal Fields—Princeton.

Princeton has been a coal mining centre for at least fifteen years. About that time the Vermillion Forks company went in, and acquired the townsite and several sections of land adjoining. They sold a sufficient number of lots to establish a community of two hundred people, and Princeton had its first boom. Under the direction of Mr. Arthur Hickling, a London capitalist, prospecting and development work were carried on, and a test of the seams of good lignite coal were proved. These outcrops on the southeast bank of the Similkameen river, and the limited workings which it was possible to conduct for a purely local market, have kept Princeton supplied with coal ever since.

Apart from the townsite proposition the investment of the Vermillion Forks company was based on the expectation that the C. P. R. intended to build through the Similkameen valley into the Nicola country, and for a time optimism reigned supreme.

In addition to the coal find a number of other claims were located on Copper Mountain and Kennedy mountain, in connection with the exploitation of which the well-known names of Brown, Volght and Stephenson are associated. But the iron horse was slow in coming, and for eight or nine years past very little has been done in the district, and the population of Princeton has dwindled to possibly two-score. Those who remained have been justified of their faith, for now the Great Northern is graded into the town, and some time this winter coal will be shipped from the mine of the Vermillion Forks company to Spokane and at intermediate points. The development of the mines has been kept in good shape and it will be easy to produce from 500 to 1,000 tons a day next summer. It is also expected that the advent of the railway will stimulate activity in metalliferous mining, and that good prospects which were opened up ten years ago will be developed up into shipping mines.

Meanwhile, the surrounding country is being prospected in search of other coal deposits, and quite recently 18,000 acres of coal lands have been staked in the vicinity. In 1901 bore-holes were put down for the Similkameen Coal company to a depth of 1,500 feet, and a good seam of coal, 6 feet deep was pierced. This bore-hole was situated about four miles from Princeton on the west bank of the river. A mile west of Princeton several seams of lignite crop out in a cut-bank on the north side of the Tanana river. Generally speaking, it is safe to assume that Princeton is the centre of a coal basin approximately eight to ten miles in length, from north to south, and three to four miles in width from east to west. The coal, generally, is a high class lignite, some of it very little removed from the bituminous grade; the best of it equal to the product of the Nicola valley.

Granite Creek.

The discovery of the Vermillion Forks company at Princeton led to investigations a little further afield, and in 1900 some good outcroppings of coal were found on Collins' gulch and Slate creek, tributaries of the Tanana river on its north side. These outcrops are located from twenty to twenty-five miles west of Princeton, and will be traversed by the extension of the Great Northern railway, whether it reaches the coast by the way of the Hope mountains direct, or by the Combska river. They will furnish a large tonnage for use on the railway, and will be within easy distance of the coast. In 1901 outcrops of coal were located on Granite creek, the scene of the celebrated gold rush of 1886. It was not considered at the time that these outcrops indicated any large area of coal; at least, they were turned down by one of the leading railway companies. But the engineer who examined them was very pronounced in his opinion that the coal was bituminous, and the area some five miles square. Within the last three months these areas have been sold for upwards of \$250,000, after a careful inspection, and it is likely that they will be developed by the Great Northern railway company or a subsidiary company. From these notes it will be gathered that a large fuel supply is available "in situ" for the smelting of the ores of the Similkameen valley and the well-known Aspen Grove camp, and this circumstance should lead to the exploitation of many properties in that district. It may be interesting to know that the London company, which owns the Princeton mines, has recently voted a large sum of money for development work, so as to attain the maximum tonnage as soon as possible.

Le Roi No. 2.

The operations at the Le Roi No. 2 mine in the Rossland camp are being followed with great interest by mining men. This is due to the fact that prospecting work is being carried on to prove the mine at greater depth. The shaft has now reached within a few feet of the 1,350 foot level, and when the latter is actually reached, prospecting will be commenced on all intermediate levels to the 950 foot; this will practically open out a new mine. Meanwhile, the output continues at a normal figure, the grade of the ore is maintained, and the reserves are sufficient to guarantee the present output for considerable time. All these features must be gratifying for the shareholders, who have stood by the property through good and evil report, and have spent their money most freely.

Cobalt Fever.

It is natural that British Columbians should be chiefly in the mineral deposits of their own province. But even they have not been immune from the Cobalt fever. Giantic fortunes have been made in this celebrated camp in a phenomenally short time. There has been more than a usual amount of wild-cattling, and there would have been more, but for the determined steps taken by the government to suppress the ill-advised attempts of company promoters. The fabulous richness of the country, however, can hardly be over-estimated. A recent dispatch from Gowganda tells of a property of the Silver Mines, Limited, which comprise seventy-nine acres, and yet in this small area no fewer than sixty-three separate veins of silver have been discovered. The veins are calcite, apatite and quartz, with showings of Cobalt bloom. Native silver was found in five of the veins, one vein shows half of solid metal, composed of smaltite, nicotite, native bismuth and silver.

One of the striking veins on this property has been nicknamed "The Big Bug." It is a calcite vein six to eight inches wide; a shaft has been sunk on it thirty feet; it is the intention to

continue this to one hundred feet, and if the values continue, the mine will be one of the richest in the camp. This story is only one of many which can be told and helps to explain why the Cobalt camp has proved so attractive to speculators, and why its reputation has become world-wide. In spite of wild-cattling and fraudulent promotion the Cobalt is undoubtedly the richest silver camp for its size in the world.

Grand Lake Coal

Good news is to hand with reference to recent developments in connection with the coal deposits of New Brunswick. After many vicissitudes in consequence of the thinness of the seams and the uncertainty of the quality Grand Lake coal has been tested and approved by the C. P. R. This is not the first time, by many, and on every previous occasion the evaporative standard has been so poor that the coal has been condemned on economical grounds. But continued exploration and the mining of coal at greater depth has led to the discovery of a better quality of coal. The test has been made on the ordinary freight trains running between Macadam Junction and St. John. The question is now whether it will pay to export the New Brunswick product to eastern points. The consumption on the C. P. R. alone between Fredericton and Montreal is 100,000 tons a year. Hitherto the C. P. R. and I. C. R. have been dependent on Nova Scotia coal, and a considerable tonnage has been brought from Cape Breton. Grand Lake is several hundred miles nearer and will be able to control definite market if a satisfactory result of the test is maintained.

Learning the Lessons.

Evidences are not wanting that organized labor, as well as capital, has learned a lesson from the financial panic of two years ago, and the period of trade depression which followed. This lesson supervised several years of prosperity, when wages and profits reached the high-water mark. Capitalist and laborist, alike, became a little reckless of consequences. There was over-production in almost every industry, continual inflation of prices and repeated demands on the part of organized labor which were not always based upon the merits of the case. Towards the end of this inflated period labor leaders became truculent, and strikes were precipitated without consideration, and often without any regard for the result. The wheels of progress were blocked almost in an instant; mills were shut down; workmen were discharged by the tens of thousands, and prices were reduced all over the world. This went on for a year, and then normal conditions began to reassert themselves. Manufacture increased steadily; employment became more general, and in the meanwhile labor organizations had received important warnings, which their leaders have apparently well considered and taken to heart. This is wise; it will tend to more friendly relations between employer and employee; it will popularize the labor movement, and will give the public confidence in the ultimate triumph of moderate counsels. The whole trend of events is a matter for general congratulation, and on no previous occasion has there been such palpable evidence that the lessons taught by industrial depression have been so well learnt.

WINNIPEG HAS HOPES

Railway Companies Make Generous Contributions Towards Proposed Centennial Fair

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—There is yet some chance that the Dominion government will not be able to defeat Winnipeg's plans for a world's fair, though it has delayed the holding of the event beyond any shadow of a doubt.

It now appears that the railway companies have decided to remove at least one of the province's pretensions. The C. P. R. stands ready to grant \$500,000 to the fair. The Canadian Northern railway company and the Grand Trunk Pacific railway company will each grant a similar amount, provided the holding of the fair is delayed till 1913 or 1914, when the two latter companies hope to have connected up their eastern lines with their western lines.

It is possible that substantial sums will be also forthcoming from the Great Northern Railway Company and the Soo line, so that the railway contributions will total close to \$2,000,000.

FATAL WINNIPEG FIRE

One Dead and Two Badly Injured Through Burning of Metropolitan Hotel

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22.—As the result of a fire which started yesterday morning in the Metropolitan hotel, 45 Ross ave., John Alcock, clerk in the freight department of the C.P.R., is dead.

George Baxter, who jumped out of the third story window on to the sidewalk, was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, badly injured.

Miss Hilda Brown, a diningroom waitress, who also jumped out of a window, is badly hurt.

All the rest of the employees, as well as the guests and the proprietor and his family, escaped.

The fire broke out in the kitchen, which is situated in the back part of the hotel, the building being almost immediately filled with smoke. The alarm of fire was given by the night porter. The proprietor, Arthur Cook, and Mrs. Cook, escaped down the permanent fire ladder on the side of the building after having thrown their children out of a window into a sheet. There were forty people in the house when the fire started.

Preparing for Immigrants.

CALGARY, Dec. 22.—Realizing that immigration to this district will next year assume proportions hitherto unrecorded in this district the Calgary board of trade is agitating for the construction of a large new immigration hall. The present building during the past season was taxed to the utmost to accommodate incoming settlers.

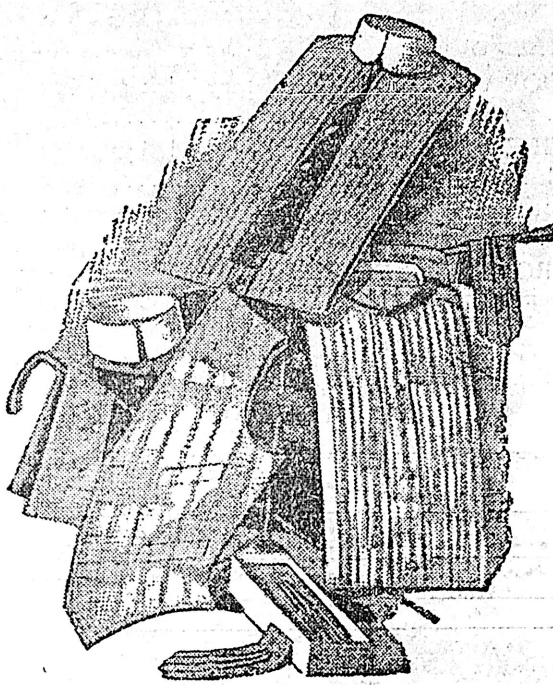
Another Blow for Cook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The committee of the Explorers' Club which for more than two months has been investigating Dr. F. A. Cook's reputed ascent of Mount McKinley in September, 1906, has completed its examination and Prof. Marshall I. Saville, the chairman, does not deny that the report will be unfavorable. The doctor promised last October to appear before the committee whenever desired to explain points that might need clearing up. He never appeared, however. The report will be made public Friday.

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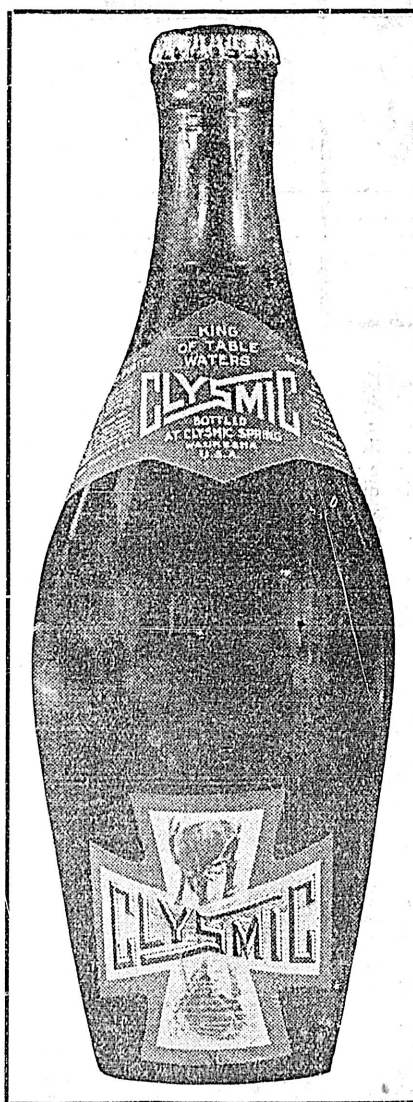
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Seatoiff to Hang

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The cabinet has decided not to interfere with the death sentence of Seatoiff, the Macedonian, for the murder of a fellow-countryman last April. He is to be hanged tomorrow, Thursday.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lord Strathcona had a narrow escape from serious injury just before 8 o'clock last evening. He was returning to his office from an official engagement when his auto was smashed into. Lord Strathcona was knocked down in his car and dazed, but was otherwise apparently unhurt. His lordship was at one high commissioner's office today and seemed unaffected by the accident.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

The Inner Harbor.

Sir—Your leader on this subject in the Colonist of Wednesday last is right in some respects, and wrong in others. There was no occasion to tell the property owners who built wharves from the foot of Fort street to the foot of Johnson street, that they do not own the harbor. They never made such an absurd claim. All they wanted, and want now is free common use. The

present wharves were built on a water front line given by the colonial land office, forty and fifty years ago, and has not been encroached on or deviated from. There is no desire to obstruct the Grand Trunk Pacific in wharf building, but it must conform to common sense principles, and to well established lines and rules. I ask you, would it be sane or proper for the inner harbor owners to allow their property to be fenced in by a projection of three hundred feet beyond the established line? You argue as if the interests of the two railway companies were the only ones in question, ignoring entirely old vested rights. Is that proper? Take the opinion of mariners on the proposed undue encroachment on the

harbor, having obtained this you will be in a position to come to a proper conclusion. You say you do not take one side or the other, but you do perhaps inadvertently, reading between the lines, advocate the Grand Trunk proposal. I told the engineer of the company yesterday that property owners would not allow their property to be injured so long as there are courts of justice in the land, and that he had better modify his plan. The company has over four hundred feet frontage which is more than ample for one steamer, and will do for two. No wharf owner objects to a ship overlapping; this has always been done. Ships, say 200 feet long, have come to a seventy-foot wharf without hindrance,

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or inconvenience, as they were allowed without question to overlap other wharves. Very likely the property-owners would not object to extension of 25 or 30 feet beyond the regular wharf line, but will object at every point to an extension of 30 feet. In future articles on this subject I ask you to consider the rights of others besides those of the two railway companies.

W. J. MACDONALD.

The Inner Harbor.

Sir—All parties interested in the development of the inner harbor will appreciate your lead in this morning's Colonist and the careful moderation with which you handle a controversial question. It was perfectly clear yesterday that the G. T. P. railway had prepared plans for a terminal depot without any particular reference to the "focus in quo" whether, in execution, these plans extended over and closed up wharf street, as a thoroughfare on up Wharf street, as a thoroughfare on the water, was a secondary consideration, an after effect. Mr. McNeill said "just this or nothing." And to emphasize this view the G. T. P. actually advertised for bidders for the execution of these wharves without even the formality of applying to the government for permission to exploit the public domain. The G. T. P. has evidently limited views as to the state of civilization in the far west. Hence the trouble.

As an analogy, suppose D. Spencer, Ltd., had plans prepared in the east for some great departmental store which, in the greatness and up-to-dateness of its enterprise, required for its realization extension and a terminal depot across Government street, and on the remonstrance of the adjacent owners were to reply in the words of Mr. McNeill: "Well it's up to the citizens of Victoria to say whether they will have a great enterprise as we propose, with all its contingent advantages, or whether we shall open up in Vancouver." That is just how the matter stands. The whole of those firms whose business activities are on the waterfront (i. e. the Inner Harbor Association) say: "We welcome you heartily amongst us; but you must keep to the line of frontage, on the water, just as

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must cut their coat according to their cloth.

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School Exits.

Sir:—In reference to some remarks by your critic on exits to our local schools, reference is made to a useless handrail in the centre of the stairway at the South Park school. Are we to understand that you advocate discharging a crowd of children in semipanic on to a stairway 12 feet wide without anything in the centre to catch hold of in case of stumbling or over-pressure from behind.

Again, in reference to Victoria West school, there are not wooden exits (in plural). There is one straight, wide stair at one end in the building, and when the other wing is completed there will be another at the other end. In the meantime, there is one temporary wooden stair, which is probably not necessary at all.

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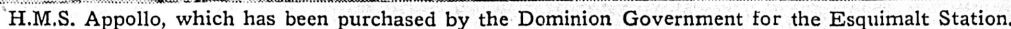
NANAIMO, Dec. 22.—At last night's meeting of the city council a bylaw was passed authorizing the borrowing of \$100,000 for the inauguration of a sewerage system in the city. The bylaw will be submitted to the ratepayers on Jan. 13.

Japanese Fishermen Strike.

NANAIMO, Dec. 22.—Some four hundred Japanese engaged in the herring industry went on strike yesterday for an increase of from \$1.60 to \$2 a ton for herring. The demand for the increase was not granted by the proprietors of the salteries, hence the strike.

Assault at Football.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—In the police court yesterday Magistrate Kingsford fined A. Hague \$10 without costs, or 30 days, for assaulting Arthur Smalley in a football game at Scarborough beach between Stanley barracks and Broadview teams.



Lumber for 'Frisco
The steam schooner Harold Dollar came to port yesterday for 125,000.

A message from Capetown states that the Union Castle liner Sabine, which has been searching for the missing liner Waratah, has passed Cape Agulhas, on her return to Capetown. No report, however, was made to the signal station.

Signalling Arrangements Made to Indicate When Waterway at Vancouver is Clear.

isco on Monday for Comox. The tur-et steamer arrived at San Francisco week ago from Antwerp with a general cargo, which she discharged. She was under charter prior to arrival to load coal at the British Columbia port of Mexico.

drifted on the shore indicates that he has been drowned. At the Suquash coal mines near the north extreme of the island Mrs. Wernner says some-

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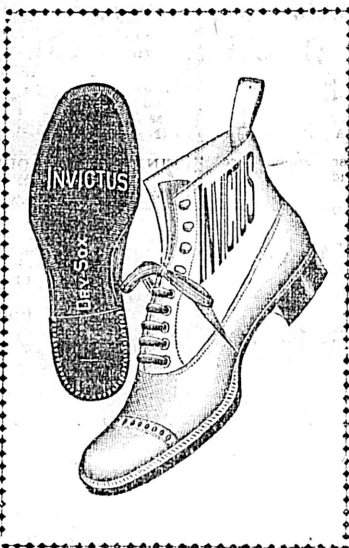
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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



All liquor licenses in Cranbrook have been renewed.

The Granby November shipments constituted a record—112,736 tons.

D. J. Matheson is opposing J. G. McKee for the mayoralty of Phoenix.

January 13 is election day for the city of Revelstoke.

\$350 has been collected of the \$500 required to finance the new Penticton brass band.

The piling is now practically complete on the new Okanagan River bridge.

New Westminster has sold \$104,000 worth of its bonds at par to George Stinson & Co., of Toronto.

Gibson Yarrow, for twenty years a respected resident of Nanaimo is dead.

Nanaimo's city council has passed a bylaw to provide \$100,000 for a sewerage system.

New Westminster's \$4,000 debenture issued for advertising purposes has been declared illegal.

The Ratepayers' Association will next week put a complete ticket in the field for the municipal elections.

A meeting to form a board of trade for the municipality of Burnaby was held at Burnaby last evening.

A branch of the Bank of Hamilton is to be opened with the new year at Milner, Langley Prairie.

A. M. Verchere is in the field as a candidate for the reeveship of Mission City.

The marriage was celebrated in Nelson last Monday of August E. Hanson and Miss Jessie Margaret Peterson.

Rev. N. G. Melvin, B. A. of Glasgow, Scotland, has accepted the pastoral charge of St. John's Presbyterian church, Revelstoke.

A grant is being sought from the federal government in connection with the completion of the new wharf at Hillyburn.

Otto Kron and Miss Nellie Swanson were in Nelson last Monday evening made Mr. and Mrs. Kron, Rev. J. A. Lechin officiating.

W. H. May and William J. Dick have tied for the support of the Ratepayers' Association in their struggle for the mayoralty of North Vancouver.

The marriage was solemnized in Cranbrook last Saturday of William Harvey and Miss Mary Wilson Macdonald, Rev. C. O. Main officiating.

Edward Bates charged with the theft of a gold watch and chain from H. N. Merriam of Field, is to take a speedy trial before Judge Wilson today.

Police Chief Cory Dow, of Cranbrook, demands an investigation by the local police commissioners of the charges preferred against him by "The Searchlight."

H. Maundrell has been fined \$50 and costs at Revelstoke for selling a deer out of season. The purchaser was also fined in the same amount. It was a case of neither being learned in the law.

The coroner's jury investigating the unfortunate death of James S. Hurst the aged Vancouverite killed by being struck by a Pender street car in the fog on Monday night, has returned a verdict of accidental death.

While suffering intense depression, as a result of continued illness, Mrs. Warrender Ross of Rivers Inlet, committed suicide last week, by poisoning. The unfortunate woman was a bride of but two months.

The Consolidated Mining & Smelting company of Trail is intending to build an aerial tramline to bring its ores down the hill to Boundary Falls, where a large concentrator is to be erected.

A petition bearing the requisite number of signatures has been forwarded to Ottawa to secure the establishment of a corps of engineers at North Vancouver. Donald Cameron is expected to command this northern Vancouver unit of Canada's militia establishment.

Charlie Dunn, whose home is in Victoria, and who for some time past has been employed as engineer on the coastal steamer Edith, has met death by drowning at Rivers Inlet, while enjoying a day's hunting. He was crossing an inlet in rough water, when his canoe capsized.

Upon a chamber application for probate in supreme court chambers yesterday, Mr. Justice Morrison expressed the opinion that some of the estimates of values put on properties by unknown real estate agents were really hopeless. At Westminster there

were frequently instances of this kind where ridiculous estimates were given the court. He thought that an estimate of \$1,800 for three acres of land within the corporate limits of any town or municipality in this province was open to question, and here it was the case of this property being at Chilliwack, a growing prosperous community. He adjourned the application for more evidence.

The farmers of Pitt Meadows met last evening to consider a proposal to replace the present dyke gates with more substantial structures of concrete and wood.

C. R. Smith, popularly known as "Cap" Smith, for the last ten years prominently connected with the Granby mines at Phoenix, has left for Arizona.

The Great Continental mine continues to prosecute development work aggressively. The mine is a silver-lead proposition controlled by the Hill interests.

A verdict of murder has been returned by the coroner's jury in the case of the Japanese meeting his death at the hands of Kengo Ichihara, near White Rock last Saturday. The accused is in custody at New Westminster.

It is estimated that 185 tons of turkeys will be required for British Columbia's Christmas and New Year's consumption, four-fifths of which will necessarily be imported from Eastern provinces or from Oregon.

W. J. Saunders has returned from the North, where he was in charge of the party constructing the new government trail from Copper City to Aldermere, by way of Copper River. Six miles near the Summit remains to be cut next spring to complete the trail.

Sawmills throughout the province report exceptionally good business for November. The price of lumber has again been considerably increased in consequence of the stiffened demand and short supply. Lumber for rail shipment jumped from \$1 to \$3 per M, particularly in upper stock, the advance taking place this month.

A 20-cent dividend has been declared by the Hedley Gold Mining Co., this initial dividend being payable on the 4th proximo. The dividend will amount to approximately \$35,000, or about 6 percent. The company owns the famous Nickel Plate mine and a 40-stamp mill at Hedley. The 40-stamp mill has been running smoothly of late and within a few days the company expects to determine by experiments now being made what changes will be necessary to reduce tailing losses. It is expected by mill improvements to increase profits \$1 per ton.

Two Lumbermen Meet Death.

Two fatalities occurred the latter part of last week in Boundary district lumber camps. Walter Nelson, a logger in the employ of P. Lund at Marysville, was instantly killed by a falling tree, which fractured his skull. John Shikou, a swamper, employed by Otis Staples, at Wyckoff, was killed in a somewhat similar manner, being struck by a falling tree. In this case the deceased had been warned to get out of the way, but instead of running clear he ran right into the falling tree, his skull being fractured and death ensuing practically instantaneously. No inquest was held in either case.

Tragic Death at Salmo.

A fire which destroyed the Northern hotel a few days ago threatened to wipe out the town of Salmo. The fire is believed to have broken out in the room of Frank Kennedy from an overturned lamp and so rapidly did the fire spread that fifteen guests in the Northern hotel were forced to jump from the windows. Frank Kennedy, barber at Ymir, lost his life in the blaze. The fire spread to the Salmo Trading company's premises several times but it was kept under control. The fire caused the loss of \$7,000 and \$8,000 was partially insured. The guests lost all their baggage.

New Chief Justice Banqueted

The many friends of the island of Hon. J. A. Macdonald, chief justice of the court of appeal, tendered him a dinner at the Hotel Allan on Tuesday evening last. The banquet was a non-partisan affair in which men of all shades of political opinion united in a pleasant farewell to Hon. Mr. Macdonald, one of the oldest residents of the city and who is about to leave there for the purpose of taking up his residence in Victoria. Every resident of Rossland is naturally proud of the fact that one of their fellow-townsmen has been selected to fill the highest judicial position in the province. A large number participated in the banquet in order to show that they appreciated the consideration shown their fellow citizen and the city.

Imagined Opulence

Fred Erickson was tried in the Creston police court before Police Magistrate Phipman a few days ago, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences and sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the Nelson jail. Erickson had arrived in Creston a few days before, from Castlegar, and represented himself as an opulent man. He had obtained money under a financial way. Eight thousand dollars of his ready money had been invested in a farm at Castlegar, on which he had a number of men cutting cordwood, and he had declared a firm determination to market several thousand cords of wood in Boundary and other places. Thomas Dixon, of the Headquarters loaned him \$24, and August Jackson, of the Central, advanced him \$13, and he spent it as though there was plenty more where it came from. Then he hit the trail for Northport, where he was gathered in by the police and brought back to be tried, found guilty and sentenced.

Settled Out of Court

The actions brought at Cranbrook by Frank Denoyer, Joe Leblond and nine other Kootenaians against the

British Trust & Investment company, of Vancouver, for a return of moneys paid for certain North Vancouver lots, has just been settled out of court, according to East Kootenay newspapers, the company refunding the moneys in demand and paying one-half of all incidental expenses of the abandoned actions. To cite the Cranbrook Herald's reference to the matter: "These lots were sold to the above named parties and others in the vicinity of Cranbrook and it was alleged by the purchasers that they were represented to them to be situated in North Vancouver, about three miles nearer the city than they proved on investigation, to be. It was also claimed that the vendors represented to these purchasers that the waterworks system was extended near the lots in question, and that street railway facilities were in close proximity thereto, all of which representations the purchasers claimed were untrue. "Action was commenced in the supreme court to recover all moneys paid, and to obtain a rescission of the agreements of purchase, so that no future payments thereon could be claimed. M. A. Macdonald acted for the plaintiffs and attended the Nelson assizes on the 13th inst. on their behalf, Mr. S. S. Taylor, K. C., representing the British Trust & Investment company. All of the actions were settled out of court, the British Trust & Investment company agreeing to return all the moneys paid by the different purchasers and also to pay one-half of the costs incurred."

BUILDING BEGINS IN SPRING

Representatives of Contracting Firms Inspect V. V. & E. Route Preliminary to Tendering.

Construction of the coast section of the V. V. & E. railway, which will cross the Hope mountains via the Coquihalla divide and join the Similkameen extension of the road from Princeton, will commence next spring in the opinion of contractors who have just returned to Vancouver after having looked over the route of the proposed line prior to submitting tenders for the work.

Those who made the journey were A. J. J. of Spokane, representing P. Welch & Co., and Charles Flott, representing Guthrie & Co., contractors, of St. Paul. A representative of the Vancouver contracting firm of Ironside, Rennie & Campbell, also went over the ground. The party was piloted by H. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the Hill railway.

The entire distance between Abbotsford and Hope, was thoroughly covered, the party travelling over the Yale road, which in its general trend follows the route to be taken by the line. No construction difficulties were encountered, and it is understood that the tenders will be acted upon early if, the New Year and that construction will be in full swing by spring.

BUSINESS-LIKE BURGLARS

Select Vancouver Clothier's Finest Stock and Remove it With an Automobile.

Vancouver burglars early Tuesday broke into the furnishing store of J. K. Campbell, at 600 Westminster avenue, and moved out all of the most valuable clothing, the loss being estimated at more than \$1,000. From indications the thieves used an automobile to remove the stolen goods. The only clew left was a much-used straight-stem brief pipe which in the morning when Mr. Campbell opened his store, was found lying on one of the tables. Mr. Campbell arrived at his store about 8 o'clock. Before he opened up he was struck by the changed appearance of the show windows. He was certain that when he left the Westminster avenue windows were filled with samples of his most select and expensive stock. Morning saw them empty. Opening the store he found things upset and clothing strewn about. Thirty-three expensive suits, valued at about \$30 each, were missing. Several piles of trousers were gone, and about 16 fine overcoats, valued at from \$20 to \$40 were also missing. A glance at the rear window, which is of heavy plate glass, told the story of a daring burglary. The window had been smashed with some heavy instrument and the force of the blow had scattered glass into the middle of the floor. Mr. Campbell did not think of notifying police headquarters. On investigation detectives found a woman roomer over the store who said she was awakened soon after 2 o'clock by hearing a crash. The noise was not repeated, so believing she had been dreaming she fell asleep again. In smashing the rear window on Keefer street the burglars found it easy to reach in and turn the lock. In order to carry out the best part of the stock which was in the show windows on Westminster avenue they took big chances, for policemen frequently passed the spot. The fog was very dense and they probably took advantage of the fact. However, the police are convinced that at least three men did the job. One undoubtedly stood on guard while his pals worked inside or carried the goods to the automobile.

A careful inspection of the ground near the store showed no wagon wheel tracks, but there was a tell-tale spot of oil, evidently indicating that an automobile had stood immediately outside the store on Keefer street for some time.

That the burglars took their time and did a most thorough job is indicated, for only the best of the stock was taken. It was necessary to remove several overcoats and suits from the show windows.

"The burglars evidently knew good clothing when they saw it," said Mr. Campbell. "They selected at considerable time and trouble the best of my stock, leaving cheaper goods undisturbed. I only recently moved to this place from opposite the Blackburn hotel, believing it a better location. From my experience thus far I am convinced it is not—for me at least, though perhaps better for the men who robbed me."

The police are nonplussed. It is the largest burglary in years, and so smoothly done that the officers have little if anything to work on except the pipe that was found and the oil spot on the street.

Several weeks ago a bungling burglary was committed at 1087 Granville street, but the thieves secured over \$125.50 worth of clothing and left a plain trail behind them. Four men implicated were captured, and two were sentenced to five years' imprisonment while two others were committed for trial.

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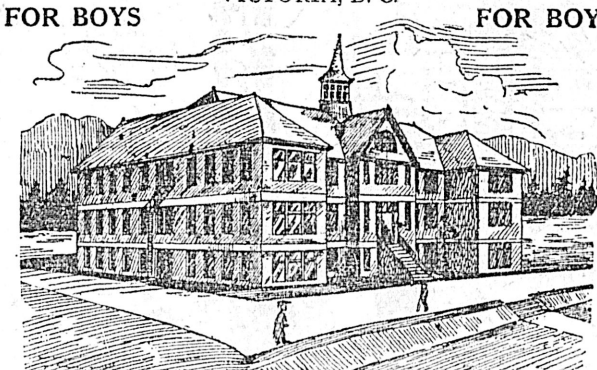
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British Columbia fruit—and this time fruit which especially advertises the suitability of soil and climate in this part of Vancouver Island from the viewpoint of the orchardist—has again been winning golden opinions and tangible silver souvenirs of success at representative Old Country exhibitions. The Banksian medal, presented by an enthusiastic fruit champion of the name of Banks, has been well won by the exhibit originating in the Victoria district, and in which the well cultivated orchards of the Progress Fruit Packing Co., Victoria; Thomas A. Brydon, Victoria; H. E. Cook, Gordon Head; Errington & Cantwood, Sidney; and Deputy Minister W. E. Scott, Salt Spring, are directly represented. Mr. Scott writes of this latest triumph for provincial orchard products from London, which city he expects to leave en route for home on the first instant, reaching Victoria some time in mid-January. In his just-arrived letter he says:

"I am very pleased to inform you that Victoria district was awarded the silver Banksian medal for its display of fruit at the Royal Horticultural Society's show, at Vincent Square. The exhibit was wholly made up of fruit from the different growers who sent from the neighborhood of Victoria."

"The provincial display was also awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's gold medal, for the fifth year in succession."

"The Victoria fruit was a credit to the district, and demonstrates very forcibly that as good fruit can be grown in our district as anywhere in the entire province."

Record Bank Clearings.

The total clearances of the Victoria chartered banks for the week ending on Monday last aggregated the splendid total of \$1,930,019, and there is every indication that the two million mark will very soon be passed, business conditions improving with marked rapidity. The past week's clearances are believed to represent maximum indications of heavy business in this capital city.

A Trail for Tourists.

It is very comforting to the hearts of the enterprising members of the Mountaineering Club of Revelstoke that their efforts to attract and hold the profitable tourist is recognized and appreciated by the government, and will this season obtain substantial support. The club last summer cut out roughly a makeshift trail to the summit of Mount Begbie, and also built and equipped a shelter cabin near the summit. Application has now been made to the government, through Hon. Thos. Taylor,

by Secretary J. P. Forde, of the Mountaineering club, for the inclusion of the estimates for the season, of a vote of \$1,000 for a good trail from Revelstoke to Mount Begbie. The minister approves the application, and the grant in all probability will be appropriated.

What the Trustees Asked.

Among the subjects dealt with in resolutions presented to the Provincial Executive by the delegation representative of the School Trustees convention a few days ago were: Government aid for night schools, recognition for Provincial Trustees' Institutes, general medical inspection for public schools, more definite fixing of the educational standard, national and patriotic songs, the equipment and maintenance of school libraries, encouragement of highly qualified men to enter, and remain in the teaching profession, and the extension of manual training and domestic science work to the rural schools' curriculum.

New Indian Agencies.

In order to improve the efficiency of the agencies of the Indian Department in this province, what is known officially as the Coast District, has been sub-divided into three agencies, an agent being named for each. Formerly this large territory was in the care of one man, Agent Lorenz, with headquarters at New Metlakatla. Owing to illness Mr. Lorenz resigned, and his place has now been filled by the appointment of John McIntosh of Essington. Queen Charlotte Islands has been created into a separate district, with Charles Perry, formerly of Port Simpson, as agent; and Iver Fougner of Bella Coola has been appointed agent for the southern part of the coast district.

A Flat Contradiction.

Repeated references have appeared in the Kootenay press of late to the case of Herr Oberland, the Bohemian big game hunter, convicted not long ago by Magistrate Whimster of Fernie, and fined for violation of the regulations in hunting without a license, he being a non-resident of British Columbia. Herr Oberland has been granted leave to appeal to Mr. Justice Clement, and strenuously objects to the \$150 fine, especially as he merely walked through the bush with a rifle in his hand. Oberland claims that he holds a special commission from the Austrian government to collect specimens, backed by a permit from the provincial secretary. This latter statement Hon. Dr. Young denies emphatically. The minister informs the Colonist that application for such a permit was made to him by Herr Oberland, but was distinctly refused.

Quebec Townships.

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church heard on Monday last an excellent address on "The Eastern Townships of Quebec," given by M. Mowat. Vocal solos by Miss E. McLaren and Miss Frances Davies were also very much enjoyed by all those who were present.

Locomotive driver E. Miller of Phoenix last week met with an especially painful accident. Through the bursting of the lubricator glass in his cab, he was struck in the eye by a glass splinter. It is feared that the eye will be sightless hereafter.

OBTAIN LEAVE TO PRESUME DEATH

Chief Justice Hunter Gives Order Based on New English Authority

Under a new English authority which allows greater latitude in such cases than was enjoyed under the old rules R. T. Elliott, K. C., on behalf of the heirs—three sisters and two brothers, all resident in the East—of Angus McKinnon, a timber cruiser who disappeared on the Skeena two years ago, obtained before Chief Justice Hunter in chambers yesterday an order in an application for leave to presume death.

McKinnon went on a cruise in the Skeena country and never was heard of again. Inquiry was made of trappers and Indians but no trace of the man was ever found. However, from certain indications and calculations it was surmised that he had been thrown from his canoe and drowned.

The order which Chief Justice Hunter granted yesterday is the first ever granted in this province under the new authority.

MURDER IN INDIA

Chief Magistrate of City of Nasik Shot Down—Part of Plot to Kill Officials.

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.—Arthur Mason Tippetts Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasik, in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance here last night.

Nasik is a hotbed of secession. Jackson had been in the British Indian service since 1888.

The police are today working on the theory that the assassination was the direct result of a widespread plot to murder English officials. The assassin, a native, boasted of the deed when arrested.

Jackson was entering the theatre with two young women when the native approached and fired without a word. The official fell mortally wounded, dying a few hours later.

The widespread attempt made to assassinate English officials during the last six months has aroused the government here and at home to activity, and hotbeds of discontented Indians are being constantly raided.

RING OF SMUGGLERS

Twenty-Six Arrests Made in Connection With "Sleeper Trunk" Operations.

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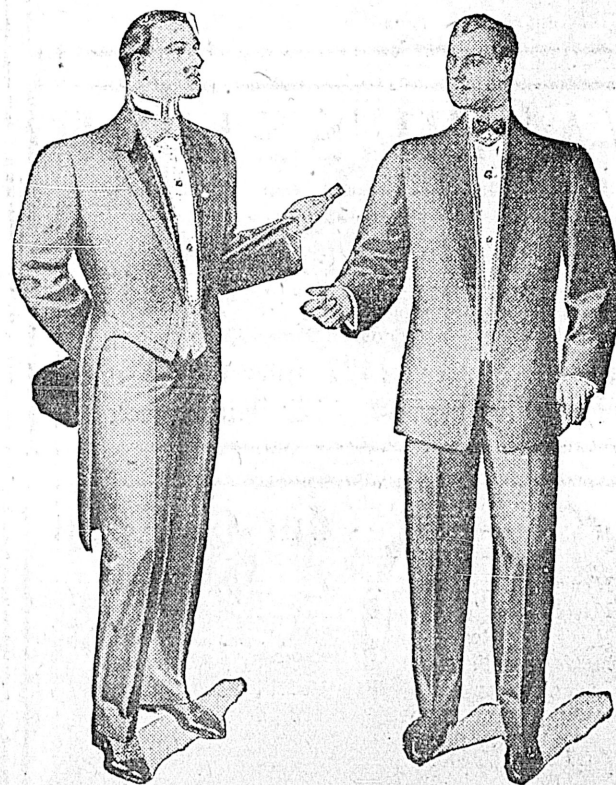
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This may or may not be what Munsat said to Jug Singh, a Victoria Punjabi when he met him in the King street station in Seattle the day before yesterday. But whatever he said Munsat had come through with \$35 which Jug had been owing for some time.

The mug was unexpected, both for Jug and Munsat and when the latter began a flood of invective in a language that sounded like the explosion of many firecrackers interspersed with anachronistic bombs and a general imitation of the battle of Waterloo, Jug's face paled and the hurrying passengers ceased being hurrying passengers and became spectators.

Fortunately for the spectators who admired the magnificent gestures with which Munsat embellished his delivery, Jaeta Singh, who was with Munsat, could speak English and he courteously translated the now famous speech of Munsat. Liberally lifted into English it went like this:

"Base, crawling, deceitful crocodile, we have met. Where is the \$35 that I sent a year since to my aged and revered father at Lahore? The money which was to have bought him food and clothing in the bazaars has gone into your own purse, you stinking slime of the pestilent river! Reptile, I have learned how you wrote a false name on the money order at the post-office, so that my \$35 would go to your own brother instead of to my respected father. Will you return me the money or shall you accompany me to the judge?"

Munsat had arrived in Seattle on his way from Tacoma to Victoria when he happened to run face to face with the smug and oily Jug.

But Jug's oiliness left him and after hearing the brief though eloquent remarks of Munsat he dug into his turban and came up with the \$35.

The money, it seems, had been handed to Jug by Munsat, who could not write English, with the request that he have a money order despatched to Munsat's father at Lahore. Jug copied the coin for his own use and thus when Munsat discovered the mis-

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application did he wax wroth, which is to say, sore as a wet hen.

Jaeta Singh, the interpreter, volunteered the further information that many ignorant Indians are victimized by sharks among their own countrymen.

UNION'S SIDE OF THE STORY

(Continued from Page Nine)

Victoria West team. The opposing team before the game protested verbally to the referee on that ground that Duffy was a professional boxer. The matter was reported to the B.C.A.A.U. by a member of the Victoria West club and investigation accordingly made. The breach was evident and the B.C.A.A.U., not desiring to be extreme, instead of suspending the team, agreed not to recognize the game as having been played, as the defence was that it was an unintentional oversight, and so requested the soccer league to have the game replayed. This was done after a warm discussion in the soccer league, when a Victoria West representative asserted that if the B.C.A.A.U. professionalized Duffy he would make it not for the B.C.A.A.U.

The Duffy Case

Now it was fully recognized by all that Duffy was a professional boxer and the next step was to try and register him. The only course open to the B.C.A.A.U., as they fairly stated, was to register Duffy on request if he had not competed for money since the organization of the Union a year ago. Accordingly the request came from his club, accompanied by a statutory declaration made by Duffy before a fully qualified lawyer in the city that he had not boxed since November, 1908. At the next meeting of the B.C.A.A.U. the matter was turned over to the registration committee to examine the newspaper files and register Duffy if the record was clear. The committee found that he had boxed on February 20, 1909, in Nanaimo, and accordingly had perjured himself. The matter was quietly allowed to drop as far as the B.C.A.A.U. was concerned, but not so with some of his supporters, who with prejudice and bitter animus at what they called "harsh and unfair treatment," proceeded to vilify the Union. Such success attended their efforts that at the annual meeting of the Island League at Ladysmith, their constitution which read "playing under the C.A.A.U. definition," was changed to read "under the Old Country rules."

Now it happens that Duffy's is the only case known on Vancouver Island of the kind and all other men playing soccer could have been registered, as the Union has been careful to make sure that their intention of registering a man that hadn't competed for money previous to January, 1909, and provided they intended to play amateur in future.

To make matters worse the few dissatisfied ones spread the discontent to the length of withdrawing the city and district football league from the union by a vote of three against one. The difficulty does not stop there, but implicates the basketball schedule and makes necessary some unpleasant work suspending men and keeping them from playing to protect the standing of men who want to compete in other sports both in the city and province and elsewhere. But, come what may, we cannot alter our decision. We have as much right to ask the C.A.A.U. to change its definition to suit British Columbia as the V. I. F. League to ask the B.C.A.A.U. to change. We take our instructions rightly from the governing body of Canada.

Can Union Be Blamed?

Can a fair minded public in face of these facts blame the B.C.A.A.U.? We must stand for principle. It will mean disorganization for some time, unless even yet the breach is healed by the soccer men, realizing the Dominion wide ruling. Just imagine, if an Island team should win the C. C. championship under present conditions the Caledonians say the champions of Alberta could not play our team because their amateur standing would be lost.

Many have argued, "what is the B.C.A.A.U. anyway? We played soccer before they came on the scene with their football, and we will again." These men fail to realize that sport will never be as it was before the B.C.A.A.U. Because the formation here was in conjunction with the organizations in every province of Canada on amateur lines, and we can never be as before because we were reorganized then as were other provinces. So withdrawal from the B.C.A.A.U. means for such teams in British Columbia, as one of our correspondents has said, about the B.C.A.A.U., "leaving them in an undesirable and very isolated position."

Questions Answered.

Just a brief reply to Mr. Thornley on some questions he has raised:

Yes, the motion was sent to the Nanaimo representatives, through the secretary of the Nanaimo club and regarding the small executive meeting we are very sorry he was not present. Regarding the small executive meeting he speaks of at the Empress, if the Nanaimo representation had been present or two of them, we would have had a full meeting as the branches like Nanaimo, Vancouver and Victoria are only entitled to two voting members, New Westminster has not a branch.

The matter too, of Ladysmith and Nanaimo being outclassed did not emanate from the meeting, but probably from myself in making the report to the paper, when I said Vancouver and Victoria and Nanaimo only had branches and that Ladysmith had not and probably the Nanaimo football club was not yet regularly affiliated.

Mr. Thornley is right about representation of soccer men on the B.C.A.A.U. branch executives and this holds good. Victoria has seventeen representatives, on for each club and sport affiliated.

I am sorry Mr. Thornley accuses us of being partial in sport to the detriment of soccer football. I must correct him on this. The feature that has been significant in this discussion throughout is the tendency that soccer men have to forget every other line of sport and that by playing professional boxers, etc. the standing of other men is being sacrificed who are deeply interested in other sports and games.

Regarding the English rules we cannot entertain their system. We might if we lived in England, but in Canada we are duty bound to have men to observe Canadian regulations, and the authority of the Canadian amateur governing body, now the A. A. A. of Canada. Many thanks for space.

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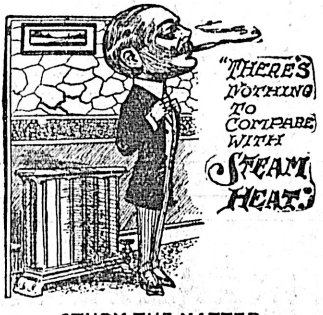
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I am instructed that the above is withdrawn from the market until 1st January next, but an offer of **\$24,000** will receive consideration.

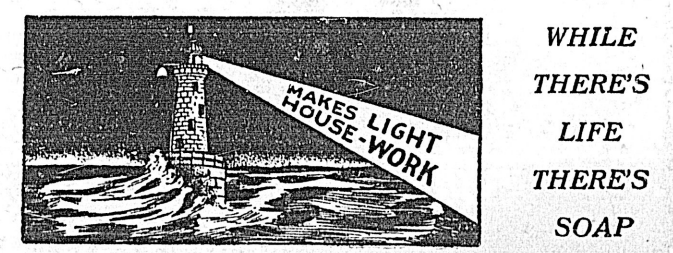
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